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Speaks Out!!!

LET it be understood that I cannot become enthusiastic over Sonny Liston as a citizen.

The Philadelphia heavyweight has made many mistakes and we are told that he has atoned for them, has cleared himself legally and as a boxing contender, and merits a shot at Floyd Patterson's title. If it can be made, it will be the biggest fistic attraction of the year.

I am told that a Patterson-Liston fight would mean boxing progress.

I am assured that this match would give a vital impetus to boxing not only in the United States, but the world over.

I am informed by General Melvin Krulewitch, chairman of the New York Commission, that if a New York promoter of recognized standing and responsibility were to apply for a permit for a Patterson-Liston fight, that body would approve it; conditionally.

The NBA has listed Liston as the top contender, with a conditional clean bill of health. Dr. Charles Larson, president of the NBA and chairman of the Washington State Commission, is opposed to letting Sonny box for the title but since there is no chance that the match will be put on in that state, Dr. Larson's personal attitude, interesting though it is, cannot kill the match if it is made.

Everything considered, the Ring Magazine feels impelled to further this fight, and to hope that Patterson, Cus D'Amato and the lawyers will approve the match.

Before anything further is done to make this fight a scheduled feature of the 1962 ring programme, I believe that D'Amato's insistence that Liston set his official house in order must be met with action. It is a proper demand if the public's faith in boxing is a criterion.

In a private conference, D'Amato supposedly has told Sonny what both he and Patterson expect him to do if he hopes to sign for a championship fight.

If there has been any subterfuge in the transfer of Liston's contract to George Katz, his manager of record with the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, or with those who the public has been informed will take over the reins in an effort to get a clean bill of health for Sonny, it should be met with cleansing action.

There are many, judging by the hundreds of letters received by The Ring, most of which favor a Liston-Patterson bout, who think that D'Amato's stand has been made solely for the purpose of side-tracking Liston so that another McNeeley, Rademacher, London or Harris may be the next choice for a world title fight. This must not be. Any Commission sanctioning another such affair as the recent championship match, should be forced to resign for the good of its own state and for boxing.

The Ring has long recognized Liston as the Number One challenger. So have all other international bodies, including the N.B.A. over which Dr. Larsen rules.

It is my opinion that Patterson does not fear the outcome of such a match. This match, the biggest possible for 1962 should be made and I'm certain will be approved by D'Amato and Patterson if Liston comes through cleanly.

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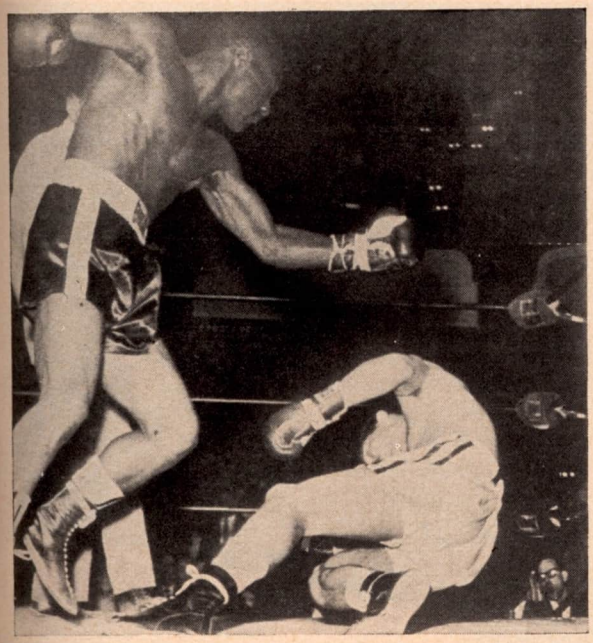

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D'AMATO GENIUS, OR ODDBALL?

"Cus D'Amato is the greatest," Ray Robinson says of Patterson's Manager

By JIMMY BRESLIN

Ray Robinson, who acts as his own manager.

SOMEBODY had an extra newspaper and Sugar Ray Robinson, sitting moodily in the tourist section of this jet that was taking him to New York, ran through the sports pages. One story was about the Floyd Patterson-Tom McNeeley travesty and down at the bottom the writer speculated on Patterson's next opponent. It would be, the story said, either Henry Cooper's brother or Pete Rademacher's father. Robinson read it, then folded the paper and shook his head.

"Cus Amato," he said. *"Man, he got to be the greatest fight manager. Look what he's done for his fighter. He gets him McNeeley. And he gets paid for it. Cus Amato got to be the greatest."*

"Where did you get that one from?" somebody sitting with Robinson said with sarcasm.

"I don't have to get it from nowhere," Robinson said. *"Common sense makes him the best. Look at the thing. I had to fight an Artie Levine, and a Jake LaMotta and a Tommy Bell. Then they give me a Turpin and Joey Maxim."*

He shook his head. *"Look what Cus Amato gets for Patterson. He gets him Rademacher, Brian London and that boy Roy Harris. And now McNeeley. A manager is supposed to protect his fighter. That's all Cus Amato is doing.*

"Don't tell me about fight managers. He got to be the greatest. All I know is I had to fight guys that could kill you and Patterson has to fight hardly nobody. And he gets paid money for it, too. I'm going to tell you something—I wish Cus Amato managed me."

This seemed to be, at first, as strange a theory as has been advanced in boxing for some time. For "Cus Amato," or, to give him his correct name, Constantine (Cus) D'Amato, has become a stereotyped villain in the game. He is most everybody in boxing agrees, an oddball. They say he is also ruining the game.

Yet here was Sugar Ray Robinson telling you that as a fight manager Cus makes them all look like amateurs!

But as the plane kept swooshing towards Idlewild Airport and Robinson kept talking, you began to think about it and after awhile there could be no possible room for disagreement.

Cus D'Amato, manager of heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson.

Let the old-timers knock Cus. Let the sportswriters take him apart at every opportunity. Say what you want about him. But don't ever try to say Cus D'Amato is not the best fight manager of our time.

It was nearly 10 years ago—on September 12, 1952—that D'Amato, wearing those blue gym pants of his, put his foot on the rope at St. Nicholas Arena and kept it there until Patterson was through and into the ring for the first professional prize fight of his career. It was against one Eddie Godbold and Patterson took him out in four.

Since then, Cus had managed to alienate almost every known person in boxing or around boxing and at one time, back in June of 1960, he seemed to have lost touch with his fighter, too. He has been ridiculed. He has been brazen and weird. But his record is astounding.

There are two points, and only two points, on which the ability of a manager of fighters can be measured. The important one is the condition of the fighter he handles. After this, you see how much money has the fighter earned. Everything else, the newspaper headlines and the recognition and the excitement; none of it counts.

And on these two points, Cus D'Amato, fight manager, is untouchable. Floyd Patterson has two slight scars—over his right eye if memory is correct—that came from a fight in 1953 with somebody like Westbury Bascom. Floyd had rubbed his face with coca butter for some time before the fight—somebody had told him it was good—and the grease-softened skin busted open when Bascom got going.

Otherwise, Floyd has about the same face today that he had before he was a fighter. He shows absolutely no wear and tear beyond this. He has a great pair of legs. His body is strong.

He ran into one terrible night, against Ingemar Johansson in June of 1959, but you can count the punches he was hit with in most of his other fights. Patterson comes with a chin that has to be weak. The notion here always has been that D'Amato, above everybody, knew of it. And he matched his fighter accordingly. All he was able to do, with this cautious matching, was to get his man to the heavyweight championship of the world!

PATTERSON'S MONEY RECORD MAKES INCREDIBLE STORY

As for the money. Well, on Page 66 of Nat Fleischer's Ring Record Book and Boxing Encyclopedia, there is a table of Floyd Patterson's ring earnings. It begins with the Godbold bout. Patterson got $75 for the fight. It then goes on to show that Patterson received $250,000 for boxing Pete Rademacher at Sick's Stadium, Seattle. It shows Patterson earned $301,382.41 for taking on Roy Harris at Wrigley Field, Los Angeles. It shows he was paid $170,000 for a workout with Brian London in Indianapolis. And he took down something close to $300,000 for the McNeeley affair in Toronto.

This gives him a gross of over one million dollars for taking on four fighters who were, at their best, nothing more than average six-round boys.

You now throw in the staggering two million or so that Floyd was paid for the three Ingemar Johansson bouts and you have a financial picture that is positively awesome. If everything goes according to present plans, and Patterson meets Sonny Liston at Yankee Stadium in June, you can add another million to this figure.

So Patterson's earnings are tremendous. To go further, he has kept every quarter of the money that was possible to keep under today's tax structure.

Under the rules, then, Mr. Cus D'Amato comes out as simply one helluva manager of a fighter.

When you begin to think of this, there comes to mind one bleak Sunday afternoon in March of 1954 when D'Amato sat at a table in the bar of Luchow's Restaurant, a couple of doors down from his gymnasium on 14th Street in New York, and over some good, cold German beer, he talked about Patterson.

"Floyd Patterson is going to weigh 184 pounds the night he wins the heavyweight championship," Cus was saying.

"Drink the beer," we told him. At this time Patterson barely weighed 165 pounds and he was fighting such as Bascom and Dick Wagner and Tommy Harrison at Eastern Parkway Arena. The champion was Rocky Marciano. You had to be a wild man to picture Patterson even walking on the same side of the street with Marciano or Ezzard Charles or any of the other

"Sugar Ray" gave Floyd a bit of advice while they chat at Patterson's training camp before the McNeeley fight.

top heavyweights.

But on November 30, 1956, weighing 182 pounds, Patterson was chasing Archie Moore around the ring at Chicago Stadium and he was the fastest heavyweight, foot and hand, you ever wanted to see. In the sixth round he hurt Moore with a couple of hooks to the middle, then kept after him and loaded up with a big left hook and he was the heavyweight champion of the world.

Between 1954 and 1956, Patterson had been nursed to the championship. D'Amato howled about Jim Norris and Frankie Carbo and the International Boxing Club. He refused to fight for them until he was given a ton of money, $45,000, for taking on Tommy (Hurricane) Jackson in the Garden.

Once he had the title, Cus ran away from the Garden and launched his crusade against the *"bad elements in the business."*

While he was at it, he dug up the Rademachers and Roy Harris' for his man. He made exactly one mistake. To this day, it is hard to believe Cus thought Ingemar Johansson was as dangerous as he turned out to be. It was one of the great jobs of protecting a fighter while making money for him. It is all that counts.

Why, then, with this record, is D'Amato so roundly disliked by just about everybody?

He is not liked because he takes advantage of matters and forces a Rademacher or a McNeeley on the public, they say. Cus also talks in circles. He even tried to ram through one of his own men, Harry Davidow, as a manager of Ingemar Johansson. He has turned the heavyweight championship into a farce and all of boxing is suffering because of it.

All of which is true. And all of which is to D'Amato's credit and everybody else's shame. For when somebody starts knocking Patterson and D'Amato for fighting Pete Rademacher, then they better ask, too, what Jack Hurley was doing as promoter of that farce and how in the name of anything could a boxing commission tolerate such a match. For it is the politicians who sanction matches, and the public who accepts them and pays money to see them, who are to be blamed for these terrible matches D'Amato digs up.

TORONTO'S OKEH OF MCNEELEY WAS SINFUL

To pay anything the far side of 50 cents to see Patterson, on closed circuit television or in the flesh, going against McNeeley, qualifies a spectator as a prime sucker. For the Toronto boxing commission to allow the match to go on was a sin.

But let it proceed—they did. And pay to see it on television —the people did.

The fight nearly killed what is left of boxing. But you can't blame D'Amato for it. If everybody else is foolish enough to stand still for his moves, then he would be at fault to go out and dig up some tiger for Patterson.

His first loyalty is to the fighter. In this, he is impeccable. He gets the easiest matches for the *(Continued on page 45)*

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Forty years is a lifetime in the career of the average man. In the case of "The Ring," the four decades have been memorable ones for those who have been associated with its growth from the first issue, which appeared in February, 1922. There aren't many publications that can boast of a similar longevity and public support.

The Golden decade of boxing that began shortly after "The Ring's" birth; the enactment of boxing laws following the pattern of the Walker Law in New York; legislative acts that legalized the sport in every part of our country; the rise of the dour Texan, George Lewis Rickard and later, that of Mike Jacobs and James D. Norris; the beginning of the million dollar gates, crowd my reminiscences.

Let's turn back the clock and recall the first decade of "The Ring's" existence. What strikes me first? My meeting with Luis Angel Firpo, the Wild Bull of the Pampas.

The year was 1922, a few months after boxing had received a new lease of life with Miss Ann Morgan's great triumph as co-promoter with Rickard of the Benny Leonard-Richie Mitchell bout for the benefit of "The Devastated France Fund".

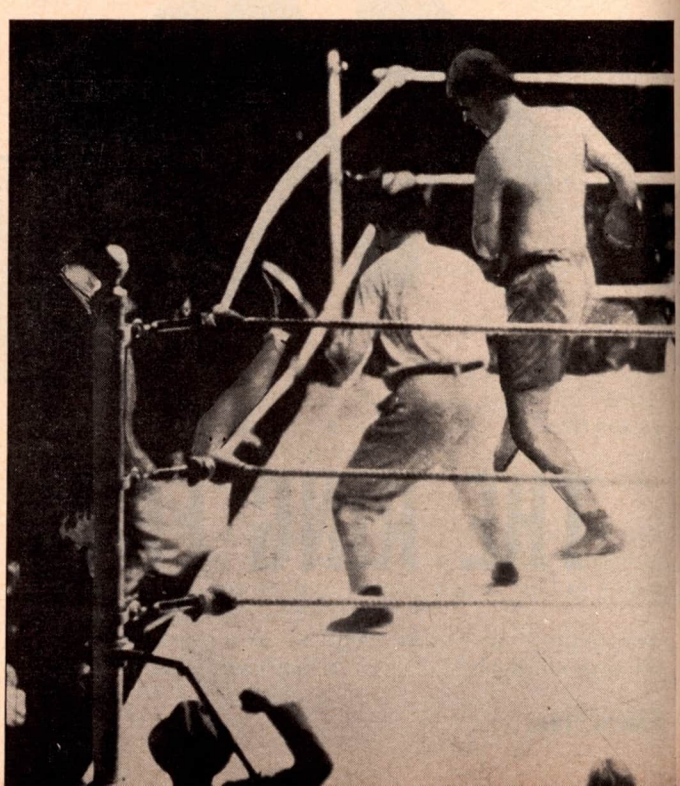
Tex had called several sports writers to his office in the lofty tower of the old Madison Square Garden to meet a newcomer from Argentina. Rickard, accompanied by John Ringling, his partner; Frank Coultry, his treasurer, and Ike Dorgan, his publicity director, introduced us to the South American giant who had come to the States with the intention of obtaining a fight with Jack Dempsey.

Chewing on his stogie, sensing the gambler's killing, Rickard eyed the newcomer. Firpo—who needed a shave badly, was wearing baggy clothes and a celluloid collar.

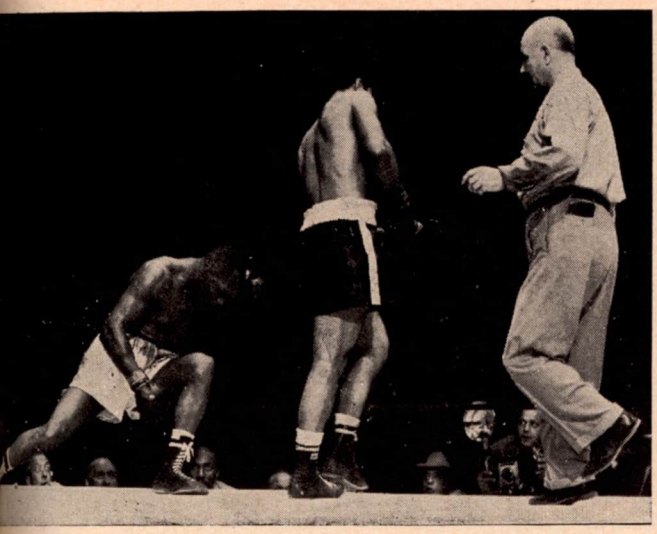
"He don't look like a fighter, but he is. He has fists of iron and I'm gonna match him with Dempsey," Tex said.

Rickard had an interest in The Ring, and suggested we place Firpo's picture on the cover. He had a photographer on hand and following interviews in which Tad Dorgan, Walter Trumbull, Bob Edgren, George B. Underwood, Bill McGeehan, Ned Brown, Harry Cross and myself participated, the photographer posed Firpo.

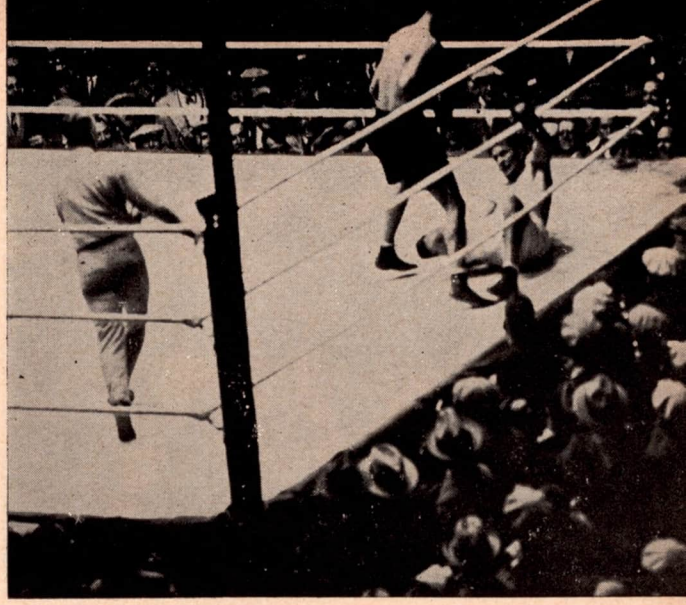
The Wild Bull apparently already had learned that our's was the land of Milk and Honey. With wild gesticulations, he insisted on knowing in advance how much he would receive for



The fight that came close to ending Jack Dempsey's reign as heavyweight champion. Here we see the Manassa Mauler flopping outside the ring in his bout with Luis Angel Firpo. This thriller ended in the second round after Jack had been down twice and Firpo nine times. Place: The New York Polo Grounds; Time: Sept. 14, 1923.



The rise of the Brockton Block-Buster, Rocky Marciano to the heavyweight championship in the thirteenth round of a sensational battle in Philadelphia in 1952 with Jersey Joe Walcott. Joe sags into the ropes as he goes down from a terrific blow.



The great "Battle of the Long Count" in Soldiers' Field, Chicago on Sept. 22, 1927. Gene Tunney, dropped by Dempsey in second fight, gets the benefit of fourteen seconds from Referee Dave Barry when the Manassa Mauler disobeys Dave's instructions.

posing. Rickard, who spoke Spanish, explained that this was part of the publicity and as soon as training got under way, Firpo would have to submit to picture taking frequently.

No amount of persuasion could budge the Argentinian. Either he would be paid $500 or there would be no picture. While Firpo was arguing with Tex, our photographer snapped him and quickly made his exit. We used the photo on the cover of the May issue. Firpo had lost his first decision in the U.S.A.

Also vivid is the recollection of the Argentinian as he stood in his dressing room waiting to get on the scales for the weigh-in for his fight with Dempsey. This time he again lost the argument but came close to winning the world heavyweight title.

Firpo, who had only a vague idea of the finer points of pugilism, was a man of Herculean strength and iron nerves. The fight, scheduled for the Polo Grounds, had attracted wide attention and on the day of the affair, William Muldoon, chairman of the New York Commission supervised the examinations of the principals.

Dan Lyons of the "New York Globe", Jimmy Dawson of the "New York Times" and I were the only three reporters permitted to enter the room where Firpo was being examined by Dr. William A. Walker, brother of New York's Mayor.

While placing the stethoscope over Firpo's chest, Dr. Walker accidentally bumped Luis' left arm. Instinctively, Luis threw the arm upward, but not a sound left his lips.

"What's wrong with that arm?" asked Muldoon.

A quick examination showed that Firpo had a dislocation.

Muldoon and Rickard were furious. A fortune was at stake. The fight could not be called off without damaging effect.

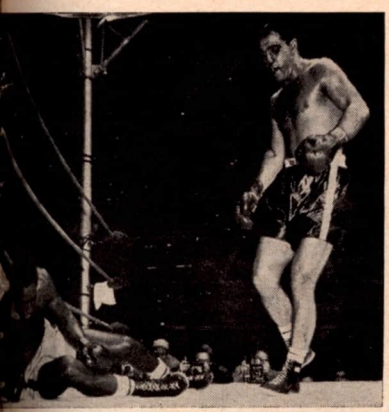
"Why weren't we told about this?" demanded Muldoon.

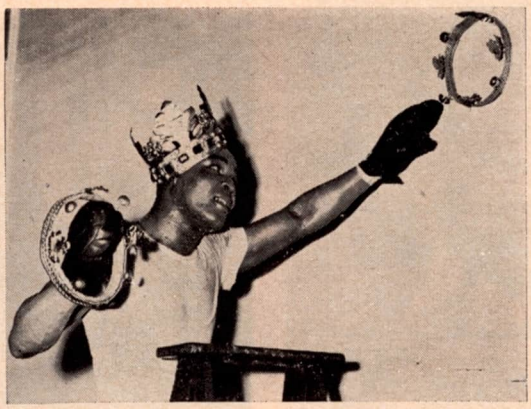
The challenger tried to laugh it off. He said it was nothing. He could fight.

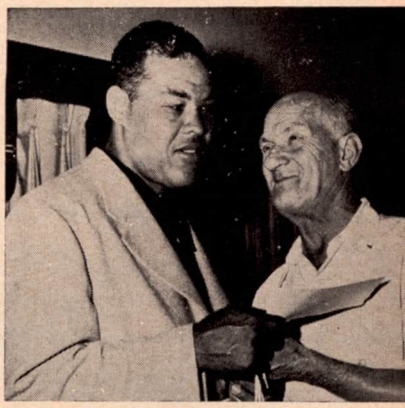
Muldoon was in a rage. Firpo told the Commissioner through an interpreter: *"I didn't want to be called a quitter."*

Muldoon, noting Rickard in a threatening mood, told Firpo to hold out his arm and as he did, the commissioner suddenly jerked it forward, and snapped the bone in place.

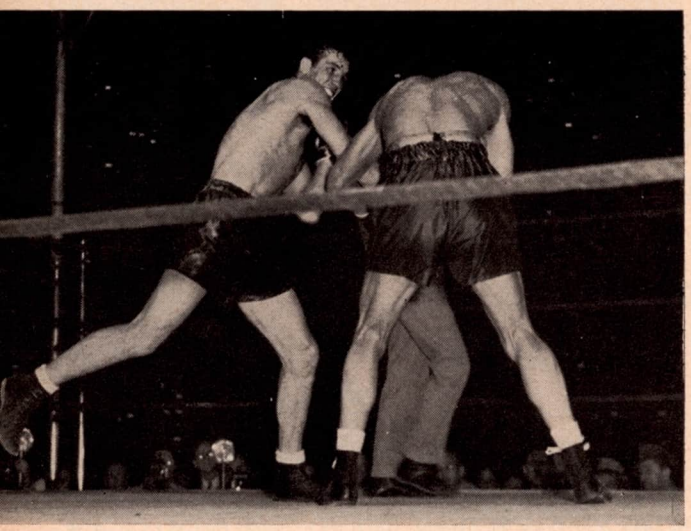
That night Firpo knocked Dempsey through the ropes and would have won the title if he had proper guidance in his corner. He went down nine times and put the Manassa Mauler



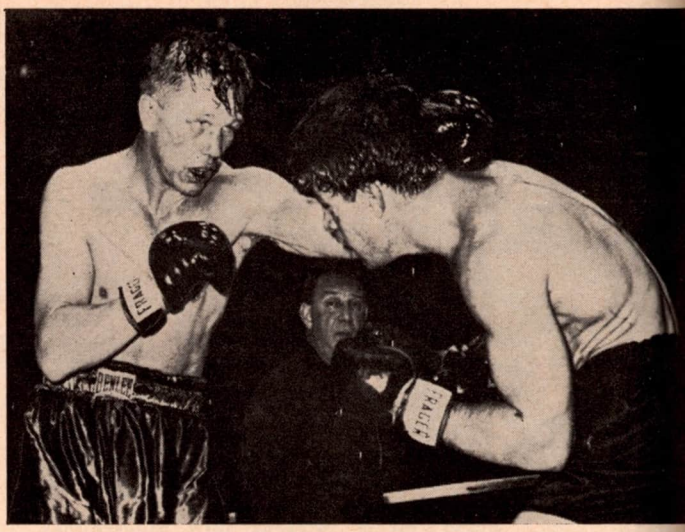




(Left) Despite a broken nose, Rocky Marciano ends his bloody bout with Ezzard Charles with a kayo in Yankee Stadium. (Center) Already holder of two titles, Henry Armstrong reaches for third, the lightweight crown and won it. (Right) A pair of Aces—Joe Louis and Mike Jacobs, the fighter and promoter. Between them they revived Golden Era.



The fight in which cocky Billy Conn made his big error—mixing it with Joe Louis in the twelfth round of their first battle at the Polo Grounds. The Bomber ended it in the next round in their 1941 meeting.



A Chicago sizzler—July 1947—the return bout between Tony Zale (left) and Rocky Graziano. The fireworks ended in the sixth round with Zale the loser by a knockout in an oven-like arena.

down twice, but Dempsey retained the crown in one of the most thrilling heavyweight bouts I have seen. . . .

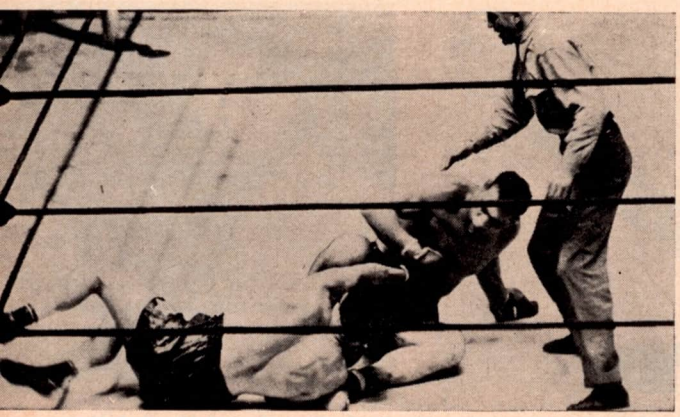
The years 1922 and 1923 brought "The Ring" into the spotlight through the medium of thrilling bouts that kept boxing interest at a high level. Who among those who witnessed the two notable engagements between Benny Leonard and Lew Tendler in Jersey City and the Yankee Stadium, can forget those encounters between master craftsmen, clever boxers and hard hitters?

Superb mechanic though he was, Leonard came mighty close to disaster in the Jersey bout when southpaw Lew drove a hard left to Benny's body midway through the fight. Leonard winced. His legs were temporarily paralyzed. He was ready to drop. But a quick-thinking brain came to his rescue.

"Keep your punches up," he said to Tendler who, falling for the trick, stepped back and argued that he hadn't hit low. Those seconds of talk saved Leonard. He recovered quickly and gained the newspaper decision, since the fight was held during the no-decision era.

Having studied Tendler's style in that fight, Benny had no

Three champs from Hartford, Connecticut, who made ring history. (Left to right) Louis (kid) Kaplan, Willie Pep and Bat Battalino, each was holder of the featherweight crown.



June 14, 1934: A hilarious contest in the Garden Bowl of Long Island City, in which Max Baer downed Primo Carnera eleven times and the antics of Max gave the spectators heaps of enjoyment. Baer won the heavyweight crown.

"Not yet", says Joey Maxim, world light heavyweight king, as "Sugar" Ray Robinson, middleweight champion, makes a play for Joey's crown. Jim Norris (left), promoter of the fight that ended with the collapse of Ray in the fourteenth round, The year? 1952.

Another never-to-be-forgotten thriller, the Jimmy McLarnin-Tony Canzoneri first bout in Madison Square Garden in 1936, a contest in which Tony, though hurt when his head hit the "mike", came through with a ten round triumph.

trouble in their second battle. In as scintillating an exhibition of boxing yet seen in New York, Leonard won the decision at the end of fifteen rounds. . . .

Gene Tunney's triumph over Harry Greb in the fifth bout of their series, must be added to my 1923 recollections. Gene retained the American light heavyweight title, then relinquished it to enter the ranks of the heavyweights.

Among the personalities of that period were the three New York Commissioners, dubbed by Bill McGeehan, "The Three Dumb Dukes". They weren't so dumb when it came to regulating the sport. Boxing was loaded with top talent in every division and the commission insisted on matches that appealed to the public.

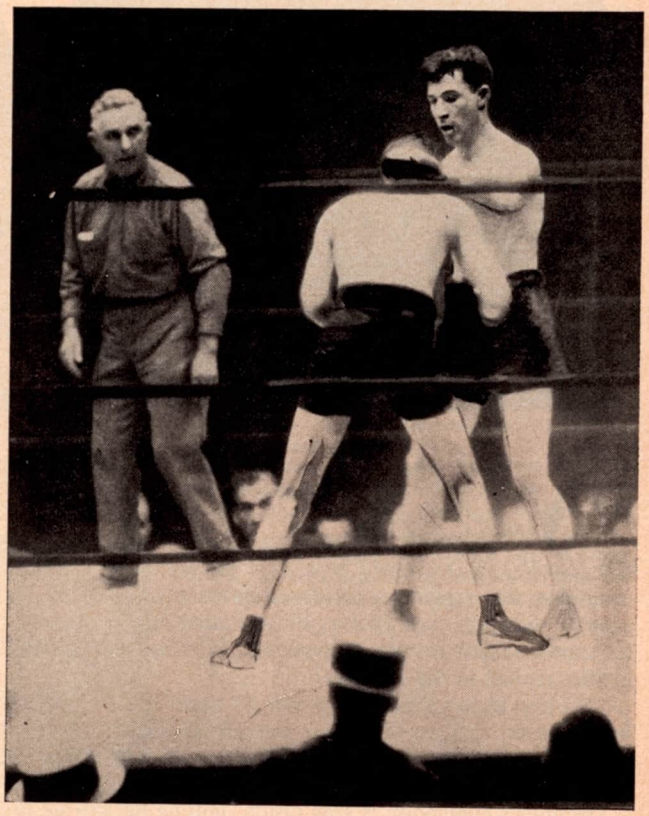
The year was 1925. Charley Phil Rosenberg was the bantam king. He was matched to fight Eddie Shea for the title in New York. Eddie was stopped in the fourth round. The public was dissatisfied and so was the commission. Quick action followed. The "barney" had been detected by both ringsiders and the "Three Dumb Dukes", and the latter suspended Shea for life.

Quite different from the ineptitude or shall we call it fear of present day commissions to act similarly when fraud is perpetrated.

The year 1923 was one to be remembered as a busy and eventful one. Besides the events already mentioned, it was the year when the featherweight title changed hands from Johnny Kilbane, who had held it for eleven years, to Eugene Criqui, the French war hero, to Johnny Dundee, The Scotch Wop, who like Leonard, was one of the greatest boxers of that era. It also was the year when the great Welsh flyweight champion, Jimmy Wilde was hammered into submission by Pancho Villa at the Polo Grounds. The "Little Atom," a great flyweight champion, well past his prime, met his Waterloo and retired after being stopped in the sixth round. . . .

Recollections of other contests in which bantams, feathers, and lightweights took part include thrilling engagements between Joe Lynch and little Jack Sharkey; Lynch and Pete Herman, now blind and a member of the Louisiana State Athletic Commission; and matches in which Johnny Buff, Joe Burman, Johnny Ertle, Earl Puryear, Frankie Genaro, Fidel La Barba, Cannonball Eddie Martin, Jimmy Goodrich, Rocky Kansas, and Sammy Mandell participated. They were top men in their divisions who furnished the fireworks that kept the boxing pot boiling.

Though the twelve years during which Joe Louis reigned, from 1937 until his retirement in 1949, were productive of many stirring heavyweight contests and both title and non-championship matches in other divisions, I must place the first decade of "The Ring's" life as *(Continued on page 50)*



Two of the greatest champions in the modern era of pugilism, Benny Leonard (left) and Jack Britton, engaged in a masterful performance in New York Velodrome during "The Ring's" first year. Benny lost on a foul in the thirteenth round.

Jack Dempsey: "LISTON? NO!"

By
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NEW YORK POST

ANOTHER RING MAGAZINE EXCLUSIVE

"NO" said Jack Dempsey. *"Sonny Liston shouldn't get a title shot."*

The fistic situation was being discussed over a cup of coffee in Dempsey's New York restaurant. The former champion was replying to a direct question inspired by the growing agitation over whether Floyd Patterson should defend the crown against the No. 1 contender. Why had the Manassa mauler replied in the negative?

"No one knows what Liston will do next," Jack replied as he puffed on a cigar. *"He must first prove himself. He must prove he has rehabilitated himself. He must do it by deeds, not by words."*

Dempsey's contention is that Liston, putting his private life in order, should go out and clean up the heavyweight division.

"He should fight," he said. *If he does that he will be accepted by everybody a year from now. Then there would be a real demand for a Liston-Patterson fight."*

In the meantime what challenger would there be for Patterson?

"None," the former champion replied. *"He would have to remain idle."*

In suggesting Liston be side tracked for a year, Dempsey is taking a stand similar to the one adopted by Dr. Charles P. Larson, National Boxing Association president. Jack's proposal that the champion refrain from fighting until a worthwhile challenger comes along, is not likely to be satisfactory, either to Patterson or the NBA.

Nevertheless the public is not going to take seriously just any opponent for the well protected heavyweight king. Patterson's next foe must have more ability, and also more appeal, than Tom McNeeley, Jr.

"There are several things wrong with boxing. In fact many

things," said Dempsey. *"One is the return bout contract. Why should a challenger have to put up $1,000,000 to guarantee the champion a return bout should the title change hands?*

"I never had a return bout contract with Tex Rickard during the years I held the title. When I lost it to Gene Tunney, I had to go out and qualify like any other challenger. I had to fight Jack Sharkey before I got a second fight with Gene."

Forty years ago, when The Ring was in its infancy. Dempsey was making big black headlines and drawing million dollar gates. He might be said to have invented the million dollar gate. The $2,658,660 Dempsey and Tunney drew in Chicago still stands as the record.

Dempsey was at his peak in the Roaring Twenties, boxing's golden era, and the title, then as now had great monetary value.

"I didn't require Georges Carpentier to agree to leave his purse here as assurancy that should he beat me he would not sail off to France, and not return," Jack recalled.

"I didn't insist on any such arrangement with Luis Angel Firpo. If Firpo had licked me he'd have had the title, and would have been free to return to Argentina.

"Proof there was no return contract when I fought Tunney is that I had to fight Sharkey next. The return bout with Gene was made because there was a strong popular demand, and Rickard believed it would draw well at the gate."

Dempsey had a hand in making the return bout between Patterson and Ingemar Johansson, the one in which Floyd regained the crown.

"I did what I could to clean up the mess created by the first Patterson-Johansson bout. This involved the promotion, rather than the fight itself, but Johansson was back in Sweden with the title waiting for things to get straightened out," Dempsey said.

"I flew to Sweden and talked with him. I made the financial arrangements, and assured him he would not have to cut an American manager in on his purse.

"Basically this was the agreement Feature Sports took over, and promoted the return bout. I had no part in the promotion myself, and didn't want one. I did what had to be done to help boxing."

Although gates generally are small, boxing is still big business. Patterson has earned tremendous purses through closed circuit telecasts to theatres all over the country.

Madison Square Garden realizes a profit on boxing from commercial TV, and either promotes or sponsors a show every Saturday night.

"What boxing needs to revive is more small clubs. They have to be put back in business, first to develop talent, and secondly to create local interest," Dempsey said. *"When there were two weekly shows on the network they ate up talent faster than it could be created.*

"I would begin with four round bouts. The four round game produced many outstanding fighters in California years ago. The same was true in Philadelphia when bouts were limited to six rounds, no-decision."

It is true that over exposure on TV all but ruined boxing. A saner policy now exists with only one show a week on the network. But the damage has to be repaired.

Promoters say they can't survive without the money TV brings in. Others look upon the modern medium as a monster, and insist it put them out of business. It has become a vicious circle. For this Dempsey has a ready solution.

"A subsidy might help," he suggested.

The Garden has announced such a program, but as yet it has produced little in the way of talent. It may be too early for results to show, and the extent of the subsidies may not be far flung enough. What seems to be lacking is know-how on the part of promoters. But the major factor is the lack of local attractions.

Dempsey remains a dynamic figure. He is remembered as one of the truly great champions, and the years have not robbed him of his colorful personality. Guests in his restaurant line up to get his autograph, and to thousands he is still the champion.

Now 66 years old his hair remains black with only a touch of grey at the temples. His body is trim, and it is easy to get the impression that he could still come out of a corner with destruction in both hands. That is behind him of course, and at the moment he takes no active part in boxing.

Like so many others he watches fights on TV, and rarely appears at the ringside. That is one of the things that is wrong with modern day boxing. It is difficult to create excitement in a half empty hall, no matter how many fans are looking on unseen and unheard far removed from the scene of the action.

The Dempsey story goes back to the rough and tumble days, to mining camp brawls in an era when commissions didn't exist. He came up the hard way, but he had the opportunity to work at and learn his trade. That opportunity no longer exists. That is what Dempsey has in mind when he calls for a revival

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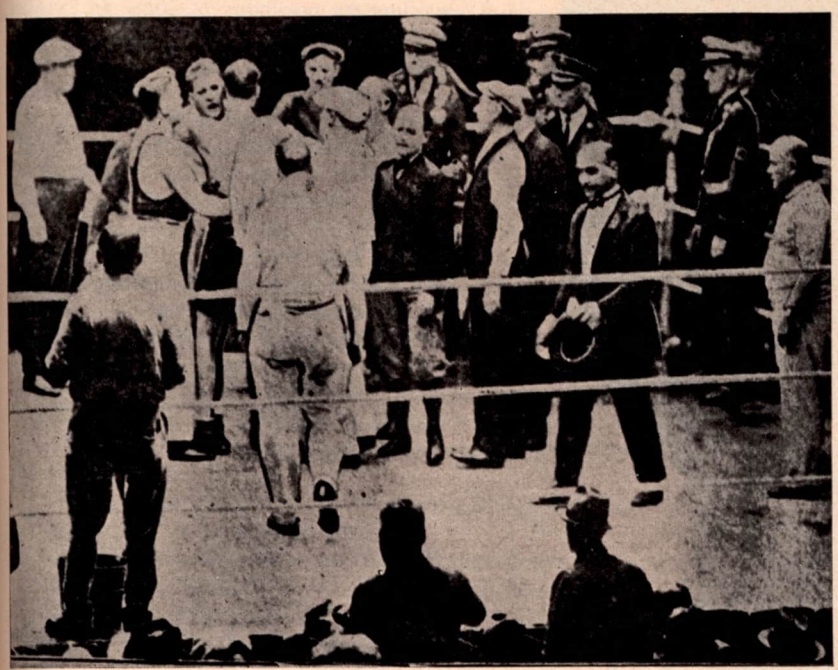


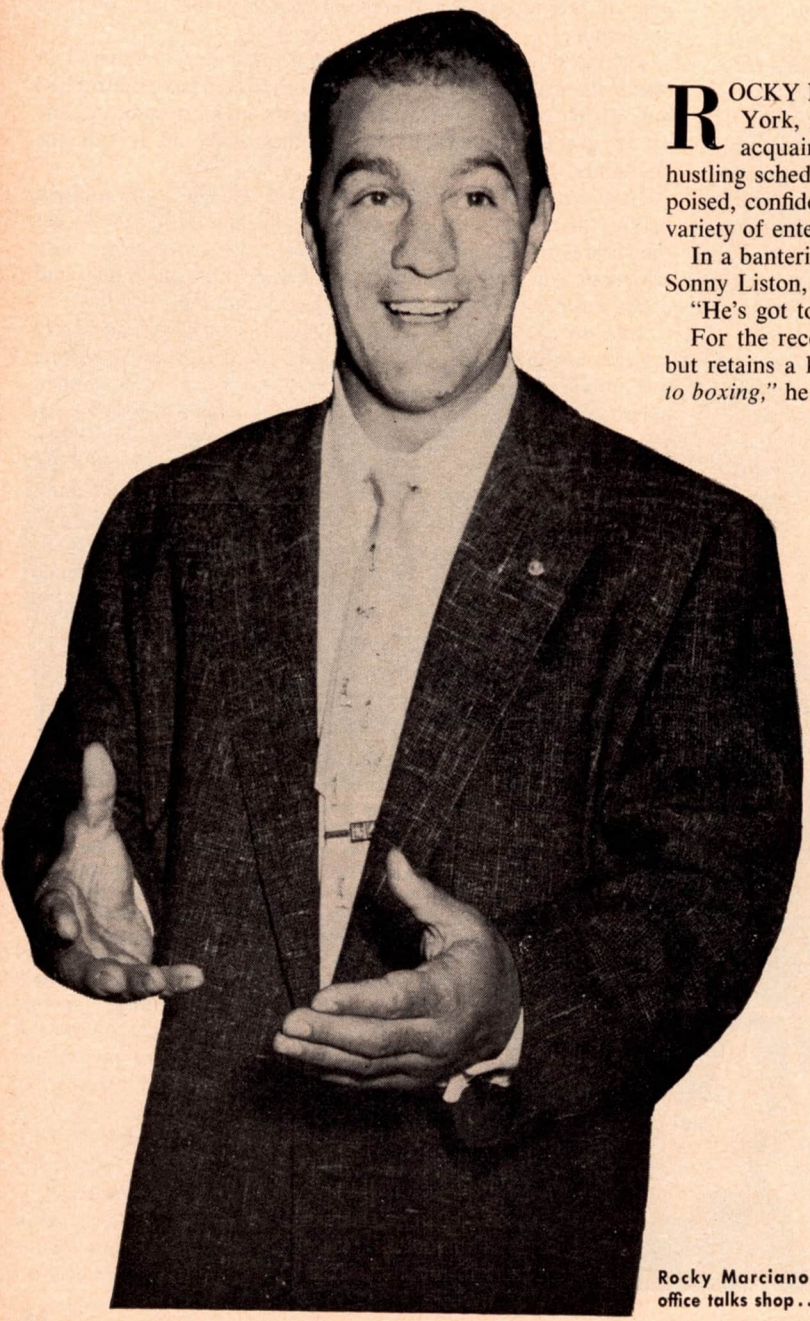
Although Jack Dempsey speaks out against the return bout clause in title bout contracts he insisted on such a clause when he defended his title against Gene Tunney in Philadelphia (left).

Jack is shown congratulating Gene after the upset victory scored by the ex-marine. This was the only return bout that Dempsey fought as a champion. Even though there was demand for second matches with Firpo and Gibbons, Jack held out against giving Firpo or Gibbons a second chance feeling that the public favored seeing new faces as his challengers.

"LISTON—MAYBE . . ."

Marciano in exclusive interview discusses the controversial Patterson-Liston fight for the heavyweight championship of the world

By NAT LOUBET



Rocky Marciano at the Ring Magazine office talks shop . . . his first love . . . boxing!

ROCKY MARCIANO, on one of his hurried trips through New York, found time to stop in at "The Ring" offices to renew acquaintances. Trim and well conditioned from his customary hustling schedule, the ex-boss man of the heavyweight division is a poised, confident and highly successful business executive in a wide variety of enterprises.

In a bantering mood, Rocky was asked how he would like to fight Sonny Liston, leading contender for Floyd Patterson's title.

"He's got to straighten out a few things first," quipped Rocky.

For the record, Marciano has no thought of re-entering the ring but retains a keen interest in its welfare. *"All I am or have, I owe to boxing,"* he says.

He pays tribute to the fans who paid the tab when he fought and would hate to see the game he loves hurt by irresponsible statements glibly passed on any situation or fighter.

Asked about the current controversial problem of the year, *"Should Liston get a fight with Patterson?"* Marciano was pensive, showed modesty and marked sensitivity regarding the possibility of doing an injustice to boxing as a whole, the boxing public, or the principals involved.

"On the basis of fighting ability Liston deserves the chance to fight for the heavyweight title," he said. "Unquestionably, it is the fight of the year. From a purely professional point of view, I would be interested in seeing such a contest.

"It's hard to come out flatly and state whether Liston should be given this opportunity or denied it," he continued.

"I know what the title meant to me . . . it's

given me all I possess and I owe a large debt to boxing.

"Just how good a fighter Liston is, I wouldn't know, but he's a big, powerful fellow, and has done a very good job of cleaning up the heavyweight division. On his accomplishments in the ring, I would have to say YES to Liston as Patterson's logical challenger. Interest in the match is already high, as I've found in my travels around the United States. That's the match the fans want, and sooner or later Patterson may have to take the fight.

"If Floyd does take the fight, and wins it, there will be no problem. It will merely prove that Patterson is a real champion.

"On the other hand, if Liston should win, and I only know what I have read in the papers about his anti-social behavior and frequent troubles with the police, then boxing might be in a ticklish position, facing the problem of having a champion who may do things that could cause a great deal of harm to boxing and the prestige that goes with the heavyweight title.

"From my own experiences, I know that winning the heavyweight championship is a big responsibility and it is hard to imagine a man who would not realize it. The heavyweight champion is looked up to by the youth of the world. It's a gigantic responsibility and the champion should be fully capable of realizing it.

"I always felt that, as champion, I should never do anything that would give any youngster the wrong idea about his idol. I will always try to pay that price for having been champion.

"I would hope that Liston, if he fights Patterson and wins, will accept the fact that his actions, both inside and outside the ring, will influence youngsters to whom a heavyweight champion is an idol.

"As a champion, Patterson has lived a fine life and, personally is a very fine chap, a good family man. Unfortunately, the public has been slow to give him much credit. It probably has been the way he's been managed, but I don't feel it's any of my business to discuss the subject. After all, a manager's job is to protect his fighter as much as possible, and you cannot fault Patterson's manager on this count. If it were up to Floyd himself, I am sure he'd want to fight Liston, to prove to the world that he is a real fighting champion.

"If Patterson does fight Liston, and beats him, it will remove all doubt as to Floyd's qualifications. Probably no one realizes it more than Patterson himself.

"I wouldn't want to put the knock on Liston or any fighter. I remember in my early years when a former heavyweight champion was being interviewed by a New England columnist. It was just before I met Joe Louis, and the interview made me feel badly.

"I was all excited and proud of the chance to meet Joe. Then my mother read this column, which belittled me as a fighter. It hurt her feelings and made me feel terrible. I have never forgotten the incident and have made it a practice never to criticize a guy unfairly.

"It was true that Joe Louis had been beaten by Ezzard Charles, but when I was matched with him, he was doing well on a comeback. He gave Cesar Brion a bad lacing, and had knocked out Freddie Beshore, Andy Walker and Lee Savold. He twice defeated Omelio Agramonte, and, Nat, you'll remember that the Cuban could really punch. In the fight before he met me, Louis whipped Jimmy Bivins.

"Yet before I met Louis, this ex-heavyweight champion picked me as a 'nothing.' It hurt and I hope I never am guilty of being so cruel to another fighter, and certainly not to either Patterson or Liston.

"I mention this incident in my life because it has stayed in my mind and I've never forgotten it.

"I wouldn't want Liston to carry scars because I said something unfair and perhaps helped to deny him a chance at fighting for the heavyweight title. Who knows how Sonny thinks, how he would think if he became champ? I leave that to fortune-tellers."

Floyd Patterson, heavyweight champion of the world, right, shakes hands for the first time with the leading contender for his title, Sonny Liston. Note the size of Liston's much publicized fist. The grimness with which they greeted each other could foretell the type of fight a meeting between these two ring stalwarts might produce.

The incident in Marciano's life that he recalls so pungently occurred in 1951 when he proved the prophets wrong by knocking Louis out in the eighth round to move into contention for the heavyweight title.

Five fights later, Marciano won the championship from Jersey Joe Wolcott with a thirteenth-round knockout in a fight that has gone down in boxing history as one of the most thrilling of all heavyweight title bouts.

For three years, Rocky went on to give the fans the best that was in him. On the ninth of September 21, 1955, he knocked out Archie Moore in nine rounds, then hung up his gloves to become the first heavyweight champion to retire—and remain retired—after going through an entire professional career undefeated. Marciano, nee Rocco Marchegiano, registered 49 consecutive victories, 43 of them by knockouts, in his eight years of competition in the money ranks.

Since his retirement, frequent rumors have circulated about the likelihood of his return to the ring. Rocky has always scotched such reports. He has no intention of fighting again.

Like so many ex-fighters who've been successful in other business ventures after their ring days have ended, Marciano has become a good-will ambassador for boxing.

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT FLEISCHER

World Ratings for the Month Ending January 23, 1962

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
FLOYD PATTERSON, Scarsdale, N. Y.

1–**SONNY LISTON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2–**EDDIE MACHEN,** Portland, Oregon
3–**ZORA FOLLEY,** Chandler, Ariz.
4–**ALEJANDRO LAVORANTE,** Argentina
5–**ROBERT CLEROUX,** Canada
6–**INGEMAR JOHANSSON,** Sweden
7–**CLEVELAND WILLIAMS,** Houston, Tex.
8–**HENRY COOPER,** England
9–**CASSIUS CLAY,** Louisville, Ky.
10–**GEORGE LOGAN,** Boise, Idaho

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(Not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TERRY DOWNES, England

*1–**GENE FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
2–**DICK TIGER,** Nigeria
3–**PAUL PENDER,** Brookline, Mass.
4–**RAY ROBINSON,** New York, N. Y.
5–**HENRY HANK,** Detroit, Mich.
6–**FLORENTINO FERNANDEZ,** Cuba
7–**YAMA BAHAMA,** Bimini
8–**JOEY GIARDELLO,** Philadelphia, Pa.
9–**DENNY MOYER,** Portland, Ore.
10–**JESSE SMITH,** Philadelphia, Pa.

* NBA Middleweight Champion

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(Not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ARCHIE MOORE, San Diego, Calif.

*1–**HAROLD JOHNSON,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2–**GIULIO RINALDI,** Italy
3–**DOUG JONES,** New York, N. Y.
4–**EDDIE COTTON,** Seattle, Wash.
5–**ERICH SCHOPPNER,** Germany
6–**CHIC CALDERWOOD,** Scotland
7–**GUSTAV SCHOLZ,** Germany
8–**MAURO MINA,** Peru
9–**VON CLAY,** Philadelphia, Pa.
10–**WILLIE PASTRANO,** Miami, Fla.

* NBA Light Heavyweight Champion

WELTERWEIGHTS
(Not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BENNY PARET, Cuba

1–**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N. Y.
2–**RALPH DUPAS,** New Orleans, La.
3–**JORGE FERNANDEZ,** Argentina
4–**LUIS RODRIGUEZ,** Cuba
5–**DUILIO LOI,** Italy
6–**FEDERICO THOMPSON,** Argentina
7–**BRIAN CURVIS,** Wales
8–**TED WRIGHT,** Detroit, Mich.
9–**LUIS FOLLEDO,** Spain
10–**CURTIS COKES,** Dallas, Texas

* NBA Junior Welterweight Champion

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(Not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOE BROWN, Baton Rouge, La.

1–**CARLOS ORTIZ,** New York, N. Y.
2–**DAVEY CHARNLEY,** England
*3–**FLASH ELORDE,** Philippines
4–**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
5–**DOUG VAILLANT,** Cuba
6–**KENNY LANE,** Muskegon, Mich.
7–**CARLOS HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
8–**PAOLO ROSI,** New York, N. Y.
9–**BERT SOMODIO,** Philippines
10–**LEN MATTHEWS,** Philadelphia, Pa.

* NBA Junior Lightweight Champion

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(Not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
EDER JOFRE, Brazil

1–**JOE MEDEL,** Mexico
2–**JOHNNY CALDWELL,** Ireland
3–**PIERRE COSSEMYNS,** Belgium
4–**ALPHONSE HALIMI,** France
5–**PIERO ROLLO,** Italy
6–**LEO ESPINOSA,** Philippines
7–**ISMAEL LAGUNA,** Panama
8–**FREDDIE GILROY,** Ireland
9–**HERMAN MARQUES,** Stockton, Calif.
10–**CUERVO SALINAS,** Mexico

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(Not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
DAVEY MOORE, Springfield, O.

1–**RAFIU KING,** Nigeria
2–**HOWARD WINSTONE,** Wales
3–**SUGAR RAMOS,** Cuba
4–**KAZUO TAKAYAMA, Japan**
5–**SERGIO CAPRARI,** Italy
6–**GRACIEUX LAMPERTI,** France
7–**DANNY VALDEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
8–**JET BALLY,** Philippines
9–**LALO GUERRERO,** Mexico
10–**JOSE LUIS CRUZ,** Mexico

FLYWEIGHTS
(Not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
PONE KINGPETCH, Thailand

1–**RAMON ARIAS,** Venezuela
2–**MIMUM BEN ALI,** Spain
3–**SADAO YAOITA,** Japan
4–**SALVATORE BURRUNI,** Italy
5–**PASCUAL PEREZ,** Argentina
6–**CHATCHAI LAMPHAFA,** Thailand
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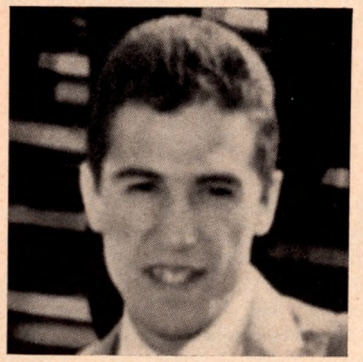
8–**JEAN GUERARD,** France
9–**CHUCHO HERNANDEZ,** Mexico
10–**HORACIO ACCAVALLO,** Argentina



EDER JOFRE FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

EDER JOFRE of Sao Paulo, Brazil, who cleared away all claims to the world bantamweight title by his convincing victory over Johnny Caldwell of Ireland gained the "Fighter of the Month" Award in the monthly ratings.

Caldwell, who previously was listed as the number one challenger, has been replaced by Joe Medel of Mexico and is now listed in second place.

The latest ratings show the appearance of a new face in the heavyweight division among the top ten in George Logan, who upset Alejandro Lavorante, in a controversial contest. He replaces inactive George Chuvalo of Canada in tenth position.

Cleveland Williams of Houston, Texas, who is making a drive for recognition as a contender, advanced from eighth to seventh, trading places with inactive Henry Cooper. Cassius Clay of Louisville, advanced one peg, from tenth to ninth while Robert Cleroux, of Montreal, switched post with inactive Ingemar Johansson, the Canadian moving up to fifth place and the Swede down to sixth.

Von Clay, of Philadelphia, knocked out by Alejandro Lavorante, dropped from fifth to ninth in the light-heavyweight division with European champion, Erich Schoppner, of Germany, advancing from seventh to fifth.

Mauro Mina, of Peru, who looms as one of the brightest contenders, winner over Allan Harmon, of Jamaica, advanced from tenth to eighth and inactive Willie Pastrano of Miami is close to being dropped out of the select circle. He is now in tenth spot.

There were few changes made in the middleweight class, with Dick Tiger of Nigeria, knockout winner over Florentino Fernandez of Cuba, moving up from third to second, trading places with inactive Paul Pender, while Fernandez fell from fifth to sixth switching with Henry Hank of Detroit.

The loss suffered by Gaspar Ortega of Mexico at the hands of Charley Scott eliminated the Mexican from the ratings. Fast-rising Spanish champion Luis Folledo replaced Ortega in ninth position. Federico Thompson of Argentina, South American champion, traded posts with Brian Curvis, of Wales, the latter dropping to seventh slot and Thompson advancing to sixth.

In the lightweight class, Len Matthews, of Philadelphia, who was held to a surprise draw by Eddie Armstrong, of Elizabeth, N.J., lost his eighth post and is now down to tenth. Paolo Rosi, of New York, and Berto Somodio, of the Philippines each advanced one notch, to eighth and ninth respectively.

The stunning loss suffered by Sugar Ramos, of Cuba, on a disqualification to Rafael Camacho, of Mexico, not only shattered Ramos' unbeaten skein but dropped him from second place to third in the featherweight division, with Howard Winstone, of Wales, British champion, taking his place. Winstone defeated Oripos dos Santos of Brazil.

Sergio Caprari, of Italy, kayoed in the first round by lightweight Flash Elorde, lost his high post, dropping from third to fifth place, with Kazuo Takayama, of Japan, upped from fifth to fourth.

Herman Marques, of Stockton, Calif. winner over Ignacio Pina, of Mexico, rejoins the select circle in the bantamweight division, replacing his victim in ninth post. Inactive Freddie Gilroy, of Ireland, dropped one notch with Ismael Laguna of Panama taking his seventh position and Gilroy exchanging places with the Panamanian.

In the flyweight sector, the loss on a foul suffered by Mimun Ben Ali in his fight with fellow countryman Raton Osuna, dropped the Spaniard out of the top challenger's post. Ramon Arias of Venezuela moved into first from second place.

Chatchai Lamphafa, of Thailand, one of the best prospects in the flyweight division by his defeat of Kyo Noguchi, of Japan, advanced from ninth to sixth place, with the Japanese boy down one peg from sixth to seventh. Horacio Accavallo, of Argentina, winner over Chucho Hernandez, of Mexico, has rejoined the international rankings and is listed tenth. Chucho dropped from seventh to ninth. Fighting Harada, of Japan, was eliminated because he has outgrown the division.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

	Pro Debut	Total	Won	Lost	Draws	Kayos
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Oron Johnson, New York, N.Y.	10/61	3	3	0	0	3
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Bob Nicholson, England	10/60	9	9	0	0	5
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Bob Wong, Devers, Mass.	8/59	6	6	0	0	4
WELTERWEIGHT						
Al Quinney, Buffalo, N.Y.	7/61	4	4	0	0	3
LIGHTWEIGHT						
George Zapp, Detroit, Mich.	5/61	5	4	0	1	3
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Humberto Barrera, Robstown, Tex.	9/61	6	6	0	0	3
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Roberto Truco, Panama	6/61	8	6	0	2	4
FLYWEIGHT						
Walter McGowan, Scotland	9/61	3	3	0	0	1

HOW IT BEGAN

By JERSEY JONES

John L. (Ike) Dorgan, brother of noted sports writer-cartoonist Tad Dorgan, was Promoter Tex Rickard's press agent when he and Nat Fleischer, with two other colleagues, founded The Ring forty years ago. When their partners departed from the scene, Fleischer and Dorgan continued operations together until 1930 when Dorgan quit Madison Square Garden after Rickard's death, sold his interest in The Ring to Fleischer, and retired to the life of a Long Island country squire.

IT hardly seems possible that forty years, four decades, could have flitted by since that February day, back in 1922, when Nat Fleischer and his three intrepid colleagues presented their first modest issue of The Ring to the boxing world. But the years do move on—sometimes all too rapidly—leaving behind poignant memories of many things that have happened . . . of colorful personalities who've come and gone . . . of exciting ring battles that have become legend and tradition . . . of humorous episodes and tragic ones . . . all contributing to the ever-increasing fund of boxing lore.

Fittingly enough, The Ring made its debut during the most spectacular era the realm of Sport has ever known . . . the Golden Decade of the Roaring Twenties, which followed World War I, when boxing's Jack Dempsey vied for the newspaper headlines and the adulation of the populace with such other all-time athletic greats as baseball's Babe Ruth, golf's Bobby Jones, tennis' Bill Tilden, the cinder path's Paavo Nurmi, football's Red Grange and horse racing's Man o'War. . . .

The Ring began inauspiciously enough. It was conceived after the Walker law had brought legalized boxing back to New York State in 1920 after an absence of three years.

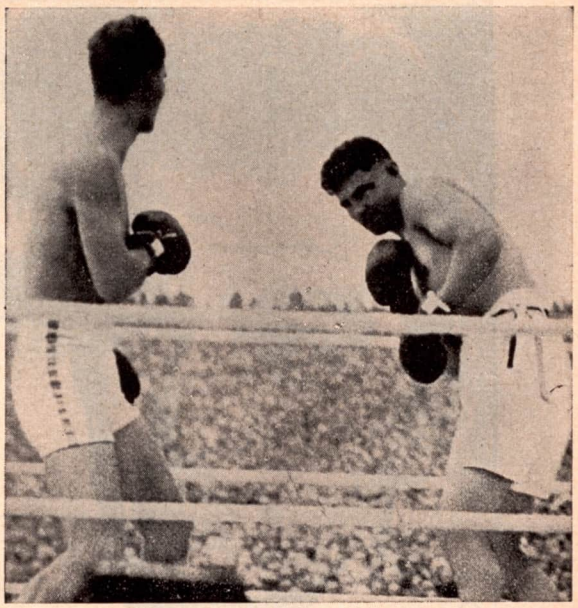
The dynamic rise of Dempsey to the heavyweight championship and the tremendous popularity of boxing with the armed forces during the

War had played important roles in the return of professional glove-tossing to the Empire State. Tex Rickard, recognized as the world's outstanding promoter, had taken over old Madison Square Garden, and a new Gold Rush was well under way.

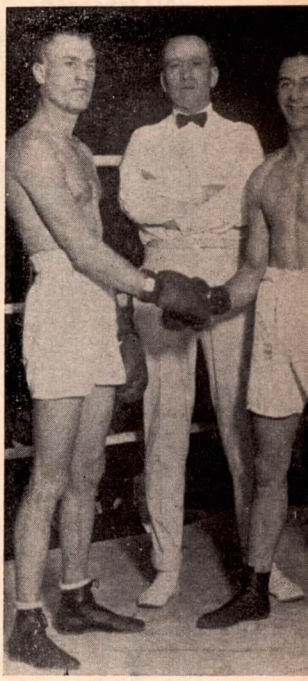
A lightweight title match between Benny Leonard and Richie Mitchell in the Garden had been sponsored by Miss Anne Morgan, of the noted House of Morgan, and her Committee for the Restoration of Devastated France. The ringside had glittered that night with so many luminaries from the realms of politics, society, finance and the stage that the usually stoical Rickard, chewing on the inevitable cigar, was heard to mutter with unwonted ardor: *"I never seed nuthin' like it."*

Then, the following summer, boxing reached another peak when Jack Dempsey and Georges Carpentier attracted a swarming mass of humanity to the sprawling wooden bowl built for the occasion by Rickard on Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City. It was boxing's first million-dollar extravaganza. Some 80,000 fans and fanettes contributed the then amazing total of $1,789,-238 to the ring's first "Battle of the Century."

Only a few years before, a back-alley, leaky-roof profession, barred in most states of the Union, and barely tolerated in others, boxing had taken on a new stature with the American populace. It was now a popular, thriving industry.



Boxing's popularity was definitely established when Georges Carpentier (left) and Jack Dempsey attracted a swarming mass of 80,000 and receipts of $1,789,238 to the sprawling wooden bowl built for the occasion by Tex Rickard in Jersey City. It was this bout that indirectly led to the birth of The Ring.



Richie Mitchell (left) and Benny Leonard, with Johnny Haukop refereeing, moved boxing out of its back-alley and leaky-roof circuits when they headlined Anne Morgan's benefit card in Madison Square Garden. The bout attracted the elite from politics, society, finance and the stage, and prompted Rickard's historic: "I never seed nuthin' like it."

HOW IT BEGAN

Nat Fleischer, then sports editor of the New York *Telegram*, was not one to let well enough alone. Nat had seen two previous boxing laws come and go in New York State, the Horton (1896-1900) and the Frawley (1911-17). He dropped in one afternoon on Rickard and Tex's press agent, John L. (Ike) Dorgan, brother of Tad Dorgan, boxing writer and cartoonist of the New York *Journal*. It was a few weeks after the Dempsey-Carpentier affair.

"Tex," said Fleischer, *"boxing is really booming now, but there's still a very strong anti-boxing element in the state and they're hammering away steadily, trying to kill the Walker law. So far they've had no luck, but boxing cannot afford to get careless. A good offense is the best defense, you know. Let's beat them to the punch."*

"What have you got in mind?" Rickard wanted to know.

"I've been thinking of a publication," replied Fleischer. *"We could get a crowd of our leading sports editors and columnists to contribute articles extolling boxing. We could flood Albany with it, covering everybody from the Governor down through the Senate and the Assembly."*

Rickard turned to Dorgan. *"What do you think, Ike?"* he asked.

"It's a great idea, Tex," enthused Dorgan.

"All right," said Rickard to Fleischer. *"Get to work on it. I'll pay the expense."*

Fleischer *"got to work."* His New York contemporaries were most cooperative. Nat put together an attractive little pamphlet with a dozen contributions from the city's top sports scribes, among them Damon Runyon (*American*), Walter St. Denis (*Globe*), Charley Mathison (*Morning Sun*), *Joe Vila* (*Evening Sun*), "Wurra Wurra" McLaughlin and Hype Igoe (*Morning World*), Tad Dorgan and George Sands (*Journal*), George Daley and Bill McGeehan (*Tribune*) and Ed Moss (*Associated Press*). Fleischer himself and Ike Dorgan also contributed to the literature.

The pamphlet met with such an encouraging response in Albany that Fleischer thought it would be an excellent idea to get out a regular boxing publication.

BIRTH OF "THE RING."

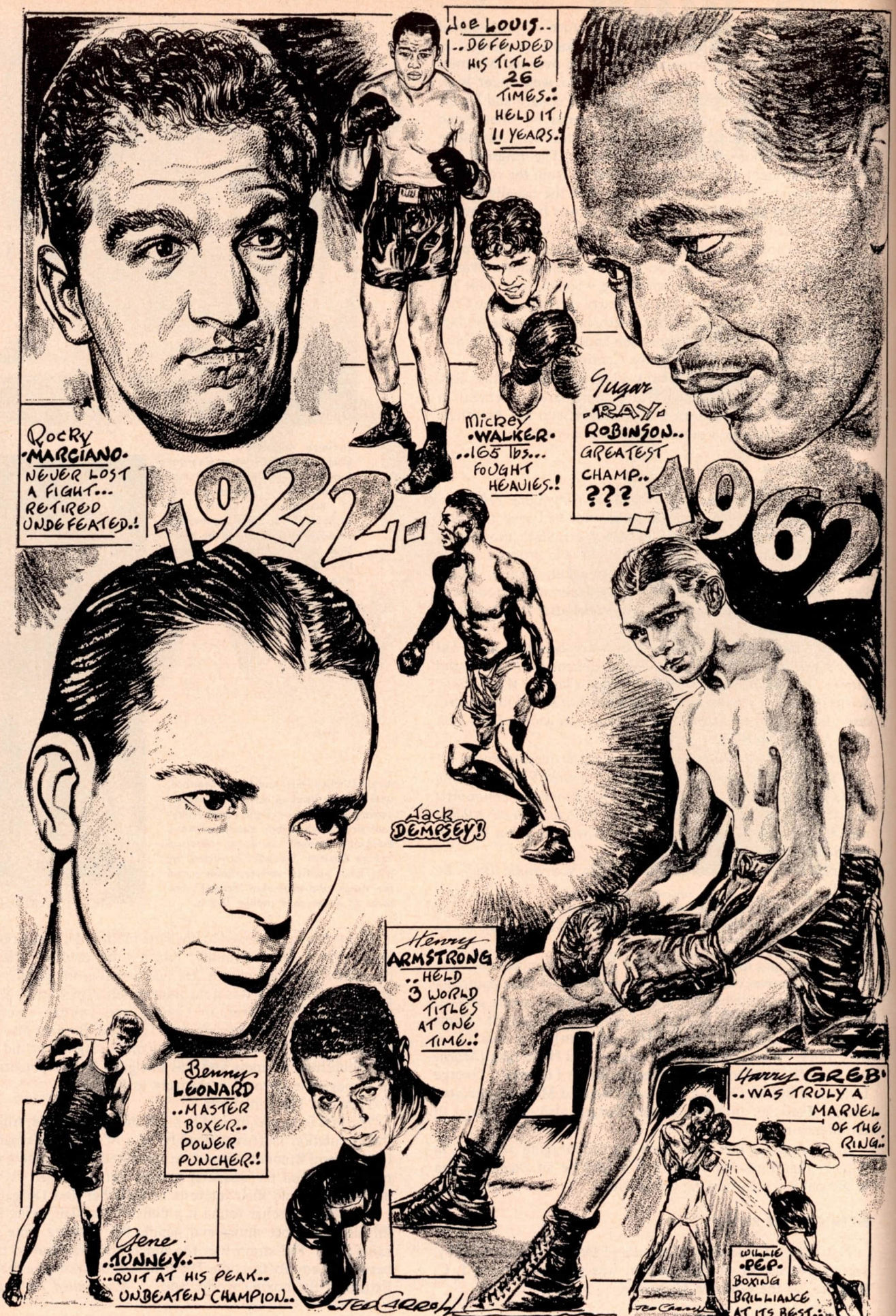
Nat talked it over with Rickard and Dorgan. Frank Coultry, secretary-treasurer of the Garden, was present. So was I. C. Brenner, of the *Golfer's Magazine*.

Rickard was impressed by the possibilities of a regular boxing publication, issued monthly, but felt he couldn't afford to be openly identified with it. He had a notion the public would get the impression it was a medium of self-exploitation. He had no objections, however, to Coultry and Dorgan associating themselves with it, if they wanted. They did. Brenner also asked to be included. He was no authority on boxing but he did know the publishing business and was intrigued by the potentialities of a magazine devoted exclusively to boxing.

Thus was The Ring born.

The first issue was limited to a few thousand copies. Although the circulation increased steadily, two of Fleischer's partners, Coultry and Brenner, seemed disappointed that progress wasn't more rapid and the financial returns weren't larger. After six months they sold their interests to Fleischer and Dorgan.

By 1927 Fleischer found it a difficult problem trying to fulfill his newspaper duties and handle the growing Ring at the same time. The strain was too much and Nat had to choose between them. By this time The Ring had become an established fixture in the boxing world, and *(Continued on page 45)*


Joe LOUIS.. ..DEFENDED HIS TITLE 26 TIMES.. HELD IT 11 YEARS..!
Rocky MARCIANO. NEVER LOST A FIGHT... RETIRED UNDEFEATED..!
Mickey WALKER. ..165 lbs... FOUGHT HEAVIES..!
Sugar RAY ROBINSON.. GREATEST CHAMP.. ???
1922-1962
Jack DEMPSEY!
Henry ARMSTRONG ..HELD 3 WORLD TITLES AT ONE TIME..!
Benny LEONARD ..MASTER BOXER.. POWER PUNCHER..!
Gene TUNNEY.. ..QUIT AT HIS PEAK.. UNBEATEN CHAMPION..
Harry GREB ..WAS TRULY A MARVEL OF THE RING..
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Ray Robinson

The Greatest Champion Since 1922???

By TED CARROLL

TWENTY-ONE YEARS after his first professional fight in the huge New York Arena, Madison Sq. Garden placards advertising his match with young Denny Moyer describe Sugar Ray Robinson as the "All-Time Great Champion of Champions". While the cynical may label this lavish enconium nothing more than the same old box office "hypo", there has been a surprisingly large amount of agreement with this sweeping statement, remarkable since-personality-wise-Sugar Ray has been something less than adored in his own bailiwick. Leading the chorus of "yeas" to this contention has been Garden Boxing Director Harry Markson, who, all commercial considerations aside; has long held that if Sugar Ray does not meet all the qualifications of the perfect fighter, who does—?—; and goes on to give solid support to the Garden's showcard claim with this logic, as reported in Milton Gross' sports column in the New York Post, *". . . during the height of his career, Sugar Ray didn't lack a single attribute which the great fighters need. He had a left hook, a right cross, defensive skill, the will to win, ring generalship, speed of hand and foot, courage, a sense of pacing, a variety of punches, the ability to size up an opponent after a round or two, split second reflexes, magnificent legs, and the ability to reach superior heights when the situation required it.*

"Some keener students of boxing than I may have discovered a flaw, but I didn't see it, and if Robinson had any, where and when did they show?"

As complete as this size-up is, Mr. Markson's matchmaker Teddy Brenner, bolsters it with some added observations on Robinson, *"People are inclined to overlook,"* he declares, *"that along with his great skill, Sugar Ray was the greatest one punch hitter we've ever had. Was there ever a tougher fellow than Gene Fullmer? I don't think so; Ray got him out of there with one left hook, and that was a guy who'd seldom been off his feet before, let alone knocked out. Steve Belloise took a good punch, Sugar Costner looked like a coming champ, if you think Bobo Olsen wasn't a good fighter look at his record when he was young; well, Ray took them all out with just one shot. Many a guy was around at the finish of a fight with Robinson just because Ray felt like sharpening up his boxing that particular evening."*

In the forty years since the first copy of The Ring appeared many fighting men have flashed across the fistic firmament, and Robinson's credentials as detailed in behalf of his being the super-star of them all is naturally vulnerable to counter-claims in favor of certain others.

Certainly one of the most valid of these contenders, for the superior status of greatest fighter of the past four decades, is the peerless Benny Leonard. Although the undefeated lightweight champion did most of his boxing in the previous decade, winning the championship in 1917, he was still in his prime during the early years of this magazine's existence, and can be included among those eligible for top ranking during the past two score of years.

There is every evidence that Leonard possessed all the ring assets of a Robinson, combining beautiful "ballet-like" boxing skill with powerful punching. Invincible as a lightweight champion, some critical whispers have come down through the years that the great Benny rarely made the weight limit, and much of his reputation was gained in contests with smaller men. Whether or not this was the case, Leonard in frequent forays into the welterweight class demonstrated a decisive ability to handle men in the heavier division with ease and dispatch, which seems to take care of that disparagement.

Jack Dempsey, likewise won the world's heavyweight championship in a prior era, beating Jess Willard in 1919 in what has been called his most devastating performance, but he again —like Leonard—was still a mighty fighting machine in the early Twenties, and the dominating figure in boxing during most of the early days of "The Ring". Back in 1950 a consensus of sports writers voted Dempsey the greatest fighter of the half century, since that year Robinson has embellished his reputation with the most successful comeback of any fighter in history, and Rocky Marciano came to ring glory. Any rundown of Dempsey's ring talents, has become repetitious. His tigerish attack, steel chinned ruggedness, savage punching have been so consistently lauded over the years, they have become traditional in ring annals.

Still, strongly mitigating against according him pre-eminence among the fighting men of the past forty years, is the cold fact that he never faced the most formidable challenger of his time, Harry Wills. While this may have been through no fault of his own, it happens to be true that during the period ranging from 1919 when the Manassa Mauler was crowned champion until and including 1924, the powerful pantherish Wills was clearly best of what opposition there was available.

Within this time Dempsey faced Carpentier, Miske, Brennan, Gibbons and Firpo, during the same period only Fred Fulton could be induced to meet Wills among the leading heavies, and he proved no match for the Brown Panther.

Yet, Dempsey was the man who *(Continued on page 48)*

Matchmakers Challenged By Vast Resources

By LEW ESKIN

WITH boxing staging a comeback in the latter half of 1961, as new clubs opened their doors and the gate receipts picked up in most USA sectors, a preview of 1962 finds the picture brighter than in several years.

Of course, the big match that should be made is the heavyweight title fight between Floyd Patterson and Sonny Liston. The public wants it. It could well produce boxing's biggest gate in years.

The muddled situations in the light heavyweight and middleweight classes demand fights between Archie Moore and Harold Johnson, and between the winner of the Terry Downes-Paul Pender fight and Gene Fullmer.

Aside from the Patterson-Liston fight, there are a number of attractive matches on the horizon that could draw big. Up in Canada a fourth bout between Robert Cleroux and George Chuvalo would attract, especially if the winner were scheduled to face Henry Cooper for the latter's British Empire title.

Cooper, recently knocked out of a title match with Patterson by Zora Folley, is still a drawing card in England. If Dick Richardson, of Wales, should retain his European crown against Germany's Karl Mildenberger, a match between Cooper and Dick with both titles at stake would be a natural.

The outcome of the contest between Karl and Dick also effects a number of other possible bouts, such as Mildenberger with Ingemar Johansson, Erich Schoppner or the new Italian star, ex-Olympic Champion Franco DePiccoli.

A contest between DePiccoli and American Olympic star Cassius Clay in Rome would be another natural.

Clay, the pride of Louisville, who has said he wants to fight the top men, could be matched with Archie Moore, Zora Folley or Eddie Machen.

A scrap between Tom McNeeley and Alejandro Lavorante is one that would draw well either in Boston or Los Angeles.

Hard punching Cleveland Williams, of Houston, and either Zora Folley or Machen, could lure the fans in the Texas city.

While he is after Moore, Harold Johnson has proved that he fits in with any of the top heavyweights. A local natural in Philidelphia would pair him and Liston. Harold against Doug Jones, a match once cancelled, also is a possibility.

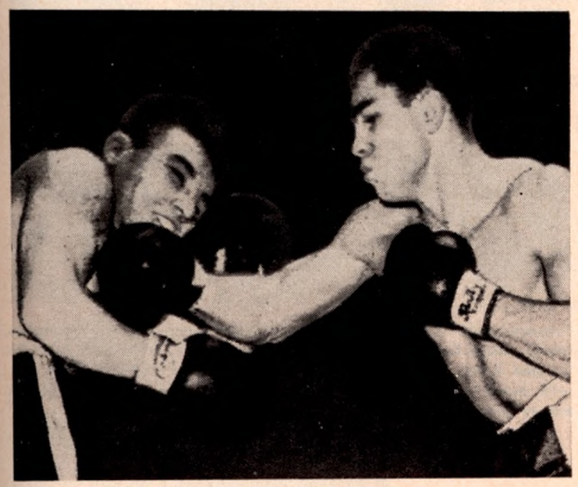
Another light heavyweight available is a scrap between former middleweight champion Bobo Olson and Eddie Cotton of Seattle. Olson has been mentioned as a title foe for Moore but there is little gate appeal in this match. Of late there has been talk that Gene Fullmer would step up to face Moore, however there are a number of difficulties in such a pairing, the states that recognize Fullmer, do not recognize Moore, and visa versa, of course the N.B.A. has flip-flopped so often, the lure of a big money match could do many things.

Europe offers a number of attractive matches, with Schoppner putting his European crown on the line with Chic Calderwood of Scotland, Giulio Rinaldi, of Italy and Gustav Scholz, of Germany. At the moment a Rinaldi-Schoppner bout is in the works.

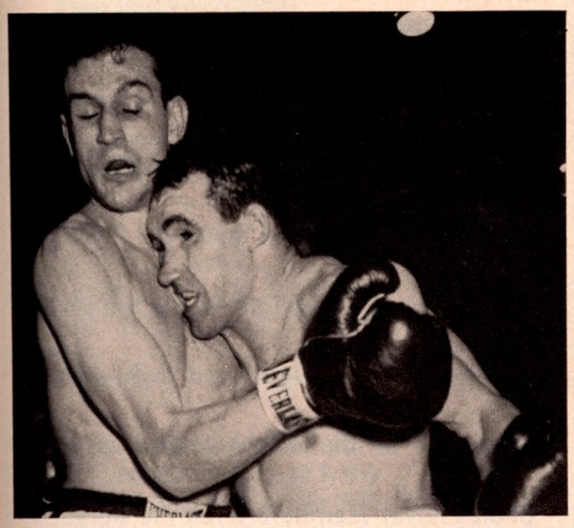
Although he has no local rival, Peru's Mauro Mina has drawn large gates in Lima against second flight American talent. Matched with one of the top contenders such as Von Clay, Willie Pastrano or Olson, he would draw amazingly well.

Among the middleweights, the straightening out of the title muddle is of prime interest. The ultimate winner would find himself with a host of contenders. Foremost of these is the British Empire titleholder Dick Tiger, who is to face Florentino Fernandez, hard hitting Cuban, in his next outing. The winner may be in position to demand a title match.

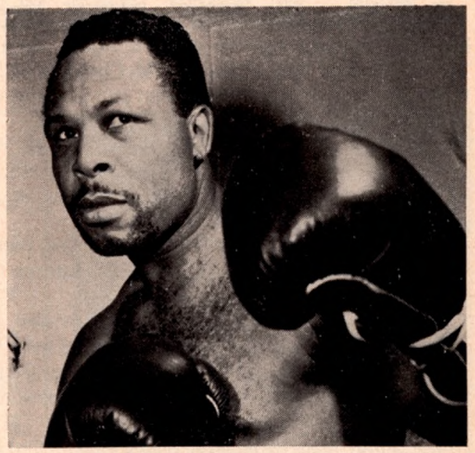
Duilio Loi, Junior welterweight champion, who as the European titleholder is the key figure in a number of matches that would have top box office appeal in the many European cities.



Carlos Ortiz and Dave Charnley met three years ago with Ortiz winning. A rematch between the pair would be England's top attraction for 1962, even if Carlos should fail in his bid to lift Joe Brown's title when they clash this spring.

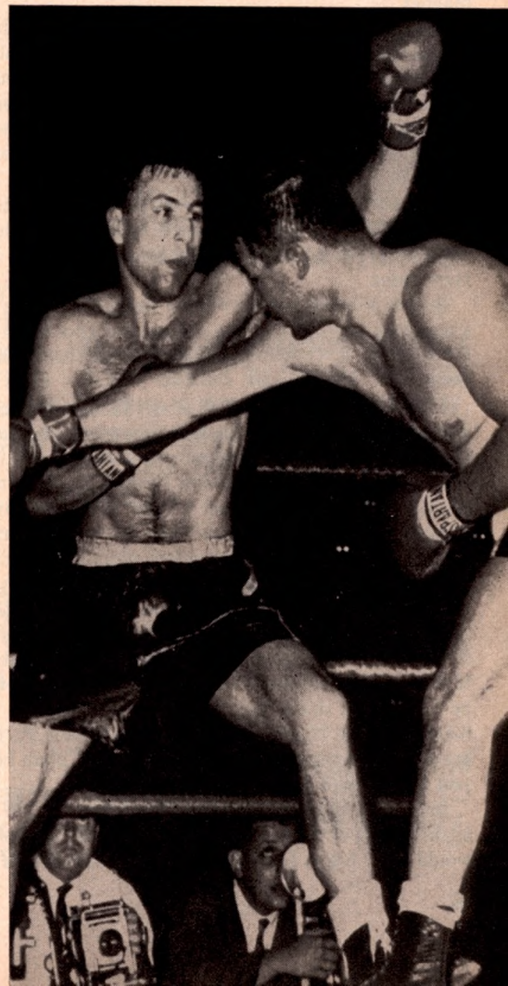


When Gene Fullmer edged out Paul Pender six years ago it was a thrilling bout. A clash between these two top American middleweights should pack them in either in Boston or on the west coast.



Archie Moore has been ordered by the New York Commission to defend his title against Harold Johnson, but Archie talks of fighting Fullmer or Patterson.

George Chuvalo (left) and Robert Cleroux have met three times. In each bout the Canadian title has changed hands. A fourth bout this summer should headline the boxing season in Canada.



If Downes should come out of the title mess on top a match between him and Tiger in London would mean big money. Terry's old rival John (Cowboy) McCormack of Scotland, the European champion is another who paired either with Downes or Tiger could pack them in over in England.

Ray Robinson has shown in his fights with Wilf Greaves and Denny Moyer that he still possesses box office magic and he would be a big gate attraction with any of the top 160 pounders, either in the U.S. or abroad.

A New York pairing of "Sugar Ray" and undefeated Jose Torres, and a European match with the veteran Olympic star Laszo Papp suggest themselves.

There are many other matches in this division, boxing's best at the moment, that would be outstanding with such men as Yama Bahama, Henry Hank, Joey Giardello, Farid Salim, Joe DeNucci, Jesse Smith, Tuna Scanlan and newcomers Jimmy Ellis and Allen Thomas as the contestants.

The rubber meeting between Emile Griffith and Benny Paret, scheduled for March, is, of course, a must match. The winner against Argentina's Jorge Fernandez would be hot stuff. Jorge with Ralph Dupas or the victor of the Federico Thompson-Luis Rodriguez contest also is a possibility.

A Miami contest between Cuba's Rodriguez and Dupas, who has done quite a bit of boxing in the "Sunshine City", is another top available.

Europe has a number of top attractions with the Junior Welter king Duilio Loi the key figure. Loi vs. American Eddie Perkins, with whom he recently fought a draw, would be a good one. Loi, who also holds the European welterweight championship, against Brian Curvis, of Wales, the British Empire kingpin, or Spanish are Luis Folledo would be a gate magnet.

Joe Brown, the veteran lightweight king, put his crown on the line with Carlos Ortiz in Las Vegas. This contest will hold the key to other title matches among the 135 pounders.

Cisco Andrade, by his kayo over Battling Torres, is back as a top drawing card and matched in Los Angeles with Mexican champion Alfredo Urbina or Carlos Hernandez, of Venezuela, would draw top gates.

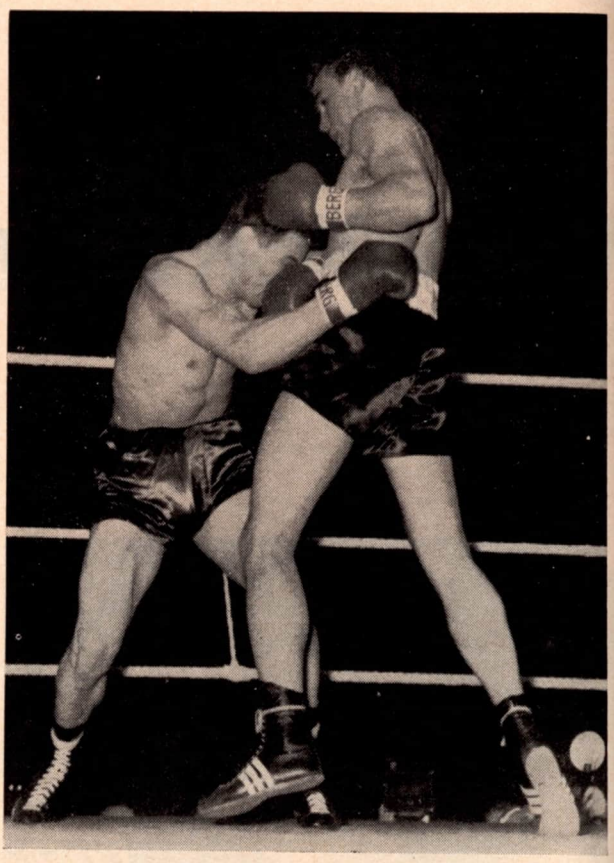
Hernandez, who has been living in Philadelphia, would be a natural foe for Len Matthews. Another Philadelphian, Mel Middleton, would fit in as an opponent for either Matthews or Hernandez.

British Empire and European titleholder Dave Charnley is a top draw in England. The spectacular knockouts over Darkie Hughes and L. C. Morgan suggest rematches with Brown and Ortiz.

Like Charnley in England, Flash Elorde, in the Philippines, is at his zenith following his stunning one round kayo of Sergio Capari. Paired with his countrymen Bert Somodio, who just went the limit in a title contest against Joe Brown, or veteran Arthur Persley, recent upset winner in Manila over Solomon Boysaw, Elorde would pack them in. In fact any of the top feather or lightweight contenders paired with Elorde would smash the Manila box office mark.

The top featherweight lure would be champion Davey Moore in an over the weight bout with Elorde, or against the winner of the Rafiu King-Sugar Ramos fight with the title on the line. If things were different in Cuba, a Moore-Ramos match would be a fantastic draw, but Miami or Los Angeles would pack them in. If the Nigerian King, who has made Paris his second home, should triumph over the unbeaten Cuban he would present Moore with a top box office match.

British champion Howard Winstone, of Wales, paired against King or Empire champion Floyd Robertson, of Ghana, would draw big in London, as *(Continued on page 47)*



European light heavyweight champion Erich Schoppner (left) retained his title beating French champion Paul Roux. Erich, who also holds the German heavyweight title, is another key figure in European boxing, with matches against Scholz, Rinaldi and Johannsson as possible big money shots.

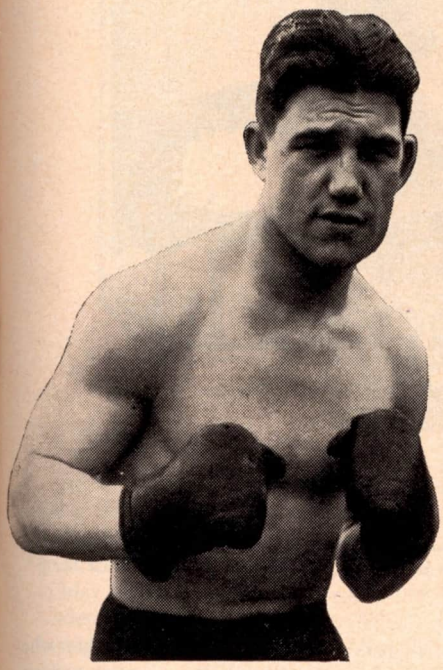
IN OUR NEXT ISSUE . . .

A feature-length picture story on all time boxing great Tony Canzoneri. Photos never before published tell a compelling tale about this member of Boxing's "Hall of Fame." An untold chapter in the life of the former featherweight and lightweight champion of the world. Exclusive Ring photos never seen before tell the story.

SPOT THE GOOFS!

1. THERE HAVE BEEN MORE WORLD CHAMPIONS (THIRTY SIX) BORN IN NEW YORK THAN ANY OTHER STATE.

2. SIDNEY WALKER, VERLIN JENKS AND FRED THOMAS ALL HELD THE LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS OF THE WORLD.



Lou Brouillard held both the welterweight and middleweight championships of the world.

3. SAM McVEY WAS KNOWN AS THE "JOPLIN GHOST."

4. JEM MACE, WHO FOUGHT FROM 1855 TO 1890, BATTLED LONGER THAN ANY OTHER PUGILIST.

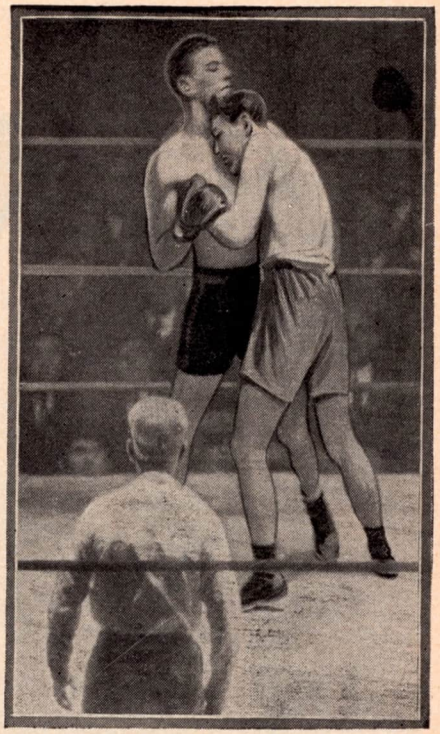
5. RAY ROBINSON, CARMEN BASILIO, TOMMY RYAN AND LOU BROUILLARD ALL HELD THE WELTERWEIGHT AND MIDDLEWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIPS.

How to play "Spot The Goofs." There are twelve statements on this page and mixed in with the facts are some fiction. You have to seek them out and get the facts straight. Give yourself five points for each error you find. Play the game with your friends and family. Answers are listed in rear of book — have fun finding them. Are you a champion, contender, club fighter or preliminary boy.

6. ARTHUR DONOVAN, WHO REFEREED SIXTEEN WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE BOUTS, HOLDS THE RECORD FOR ACTING AS THE THIRD MAN IN THE MOST HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP CONTESTS.

7. THE TWENTY ONE MAIN BOUT APPEARANCES BY BOB MONTGOMERY ARE A RECORD FOR MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

8. GENE TUNNEY WAS THE FIRST TO BE NAMED AS "FIGHTER OF THE YEAR" BY THE RING IN 1928.



This was Tunney's second fight with Harry Greb which won for him Fighter of the Year honors in 1928.

9. THE BOB MONTGOMERY-ALLIE STOLZ FIGHT IN MADISON SQUARE ON JUNE 28, 1946, WAS THE FIRST WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP MATCH TO BE TELEVISED.

10. IN THE FAMOUS TWENTY BOUT SERIES BETWEEN TED KID LEWIS AND JACK BRITTON, THERE WERE NO KNOCKOUTS SCORED. EACH BOUT WENT THE LIMIT.

11. PRIMO CARNERA, AT 260½ POUNDS, WAS THE HEAVIEST TO EVER CHALLENGE FOR THE HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE.

12. CHARLEY MITCHELL, AT 158 POUNDS, WAS THE LIGHTEST TO EVER CHALLENGE FOR A HEAVYWEIGHT TITLE.

John L. Sullivan...

The Great John L. In his prime Sullivan was a "bull" of a man who talked as good, if not a better fight than he fought. To the crowds he was an idol.

By

DANIEL M. DANIEL

Sullivan with his famous championship belt. This was his most prized possession.

MANY books have been written about John Lawrence Sullivan, the Boston Strong Boy, who was the heavyweight champion for a decade, from 1882 to 1892.

As the years rolled along the Sullivan Legend grew. He was built up into a fantastic image of incredible power and fistic skills.

That he was colorful cannot be denied. That he was a truly great fighter now must be doubted.

The Old Guard doubtless will rise in wrath and disbelief at this iconoclastic view of a fighter whom so many veteran experts have rated with the greatest of all time.

I will say this about the Strong Boy. He reigned in an era of class lack among the heavyweights. As the champion he beat nobody. When he finally ran into a rival who was clever and could punch, James J. Corbett, Sullivan was 34 years of age and the victim of about as easy a life as any top pugilistic figure has enjoyed, if that be the proper word.

On September 7, 1892, at New Orleans, Corbett knocked out Sullivan in 21 rounds. That was the end of John L.

Corbett's victory has been written up as some sort of feat. It was nothing of the kind. Taking more than an hour's fighting time to dispose of the fat, pussy, ill conditioned albeit stout-hearted Sullivan, cannot be listed as one of Gentleman Jim's remarkable achievements.

Corbett was only 26 years old, a well conditioned fighter who was vastly more clever than the Strong Boy, faster, quicker mentally, and faster in his reflexes.

FIGHT GAME WAS EMERGING FROM SALOONS

Sullivan held sway in an important period in boxing, especially in the heavyweight division.

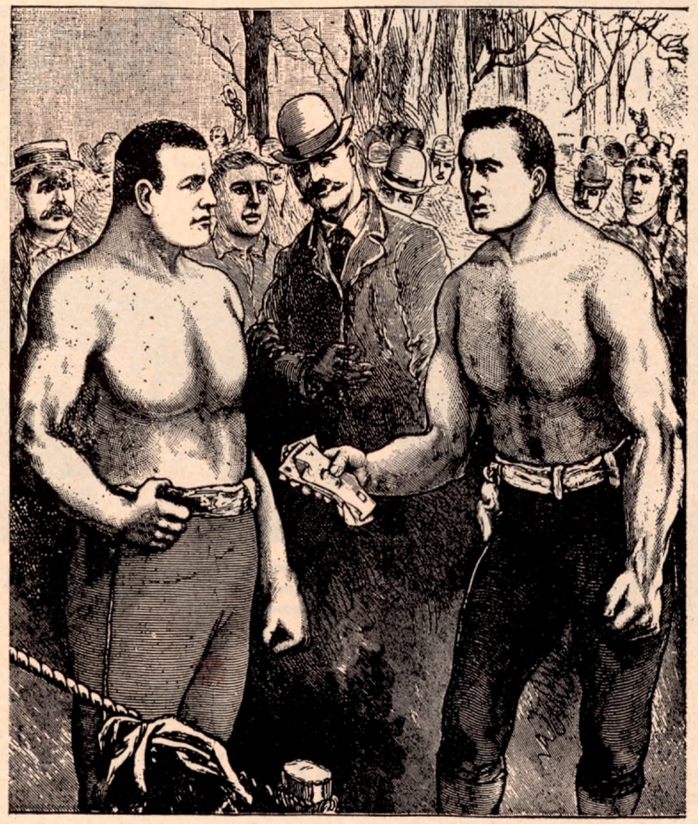
The sport was moving out of the bar rooms, out of London Prize Ring Rules, out of bare knuckles. It was feeling its way into gloves, into sane and gentlemanly match making, into bigger financial returns and far better fighters.

Boxing was getting away from the Sullivans, the Ryans, and the Kilrains and was promoting itself into the Corbetts, the Fitzsimmonses and the Jeffries school.

The Corbett-Sullivan fight, at the Olympic Club, was fought in a ring with a dirt floor. But the men wore gloves weighing five ounces. The old days in which a knockdown meant the end of a round now were gone.

Sullivan was born in the Roxbury section of Boston on October 15, 1858. For a time he was undecided between baseball and the fight game. He was not a giant in stature, standing only 5 feet 10½ inches in his socks. In shape, he weighed 195 pounds. By the time he ran into Corbett, John L. weighed 212. Jim tipped the beam at only 178.

A FALSE LEGEND?



John L. and Jake Kilrain before their match at Richburg, Miss. on July 8, 1889. This was the last bare knuckle championship fought in the United States. Sullivan won after two hours, 16 minutes and 23 seconds, a total of seventy five rounds being fought.

At the age of 20, Sullivan cast the die. He went into pugilism for a living.

The reigning heavyweight champion was Paddy Ryan, no great shucks. He won the title from Joe Goss, a hitless boxer, in May 1880. Under London rules, the scrap went 87 rounds. Under Queensberry Rules, any fight lasting 87 rounds would have gone four and a half hours. But Paddy took Joe in 1 hour 24 minutes, a knockdown or shove or deliberate flop ending a round.

LITTLE MITCHELL KNOCKED JOHN DOWN FIRST TIME

Sullivan had no trouble at all in taking the title from Ryan. They met under London Rules at Mississippi City, Miss., on February 7, 1882, and the Strong Boy took Patrick in 10 minutes 30 seconds. Into this brief interlude were packed nine rounds.

Sullivan tincanned around the country, putting on exhibitions, and alleged contests which were nothing more than workouts.

Nothing of any significance happened until May 14, 1883, when John L. met Charley Mitchell, of England, in the ancient Garden in New York.

Mitchell was only a middleweight. Sullivan was a real heavy. The Strong Boy stopped Charley in three rounds, the police halting the slaughter to prevent something much worse than just a knockout.

Something very interesting happened in that brief fight. After Sullivan had dropped Mitchell to the canvas twice in the first round, John L. was belted off his pins for the first time in his career.

In vain did Sullivan, blustering and threatening, plead that his legs had become crossed and he had stumbled.

In vain did John plead with the fight writers to get Mitchell to take a shot at him with Sullivan's hands tied behind his back.

"If he knocks me down he can get my thousand," the Strong Boy announced.

Sullivan did not take the knockdown lightly. He brooded over the indignity. For John, brooding meant the saloons and John Barleycorn. He became more and more difficult to get along with.

During this series of bouts between booze and Sullivan, the former Annie Naylor, then Mrs. Sullivan, left him, never to return.

MRS. SULLIVAN BECAME HIS PUNCHING BAG

Instead of getting into shape and doing his punching in the ring, John L. got into the habit of walloping Annie every time the champion got loaded, and this was often.

If Sullivan's ring career was nothing special, if his standing as a citizen was blemished terribly by his drunken habits and brawls, his treatment of Annie was about as miserable as any of the adventures he crowded into his life story.

John and Annie were school chums in Roxbury. She grew up into a beautiful woman, with golden blond hair.

Annie took to the stage and made good, first as a chorus girl and later in boys' parts. She scored quite a hit in a revival of "The Black Crook," first theatre production in this country in which girls appeared in tights. Out of "The Black Crook" grew American burlesque.

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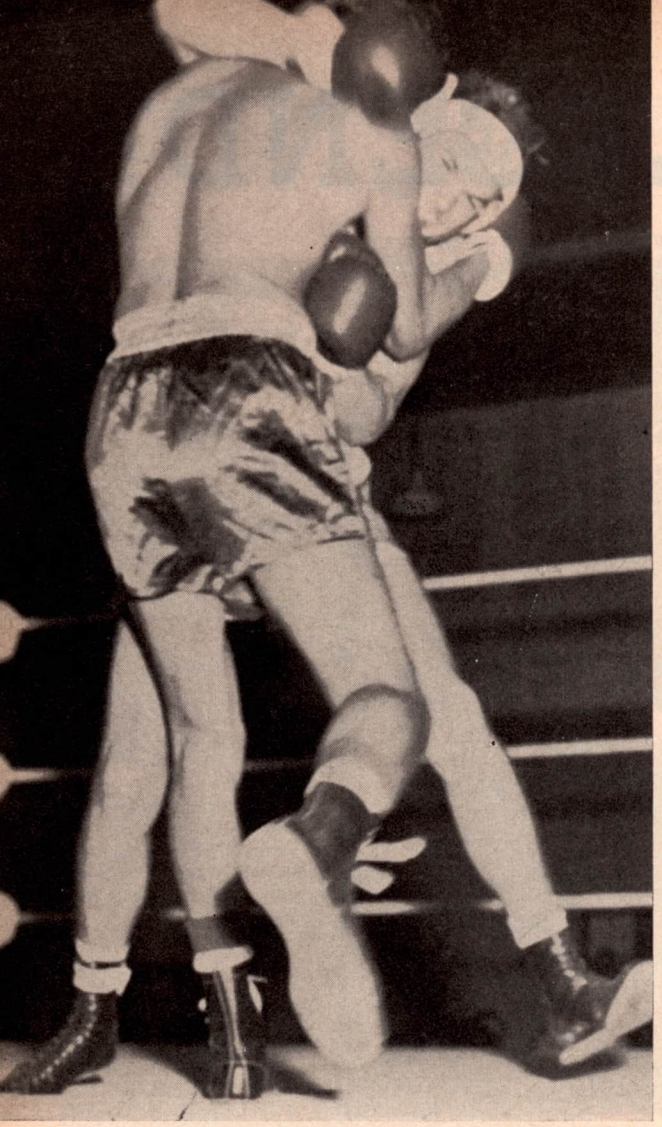
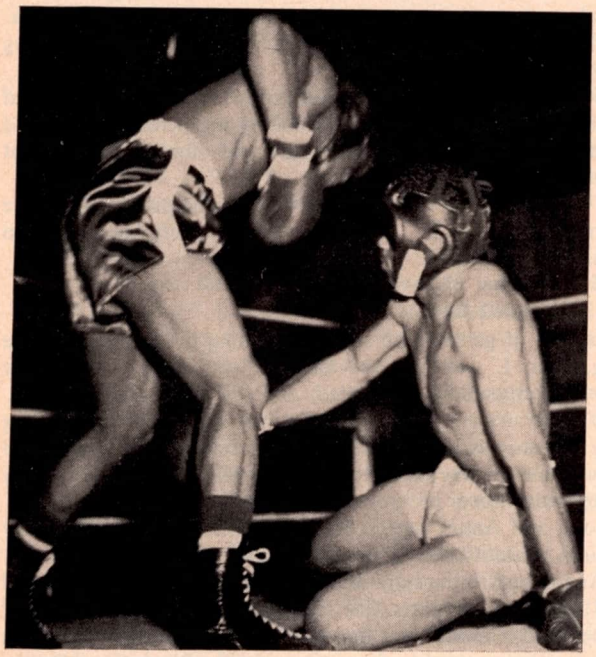
With Our Servicemen

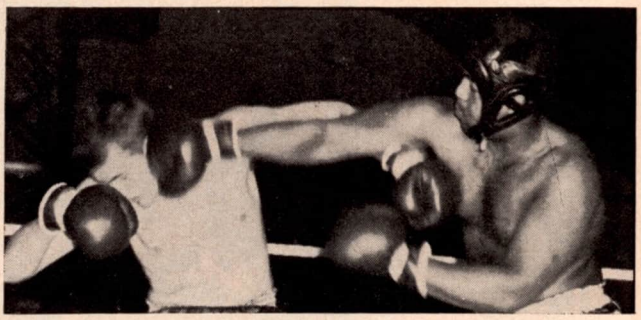
By JOHN ORT



Welterweights Joe Myers of Fort Devens (facing forward) and Mariano Velasquez of Otis struggle during their bout staged at Otis AFB, Mass. Myers nabbed a close decision.



Fort Devens middleweight Carl Watkins is decked in the first round by Otis' John Moore. Just 23 seconds later Watkins was down for the full count. This was Moore's fourth straight kayo victory at Otis AFB.



Otis heavyweight Fred Nettles lands a right to the head of Bridgewater's William Roise during the bout at Otis AFB. Nettles won by a knockout in the second round.

OTIS AFB, MASS.

BOXING got off to a rousing start here with Otis winning eight of 12 bouts against State rivals from Bridgewater and Fort Devens Army Base at Ayer. Four of the eight victories for the Air Force team were by knockouts.

In the season opener, a visiting Bridgewater Institute team managed to capture two of four bouts from the Otis novice brigade. Middleweight John Moore captured the hometown spotlight when he decked Bridgewater's Ed Gurley twice before scoring a knockout victory in 1:48 of the first round.

Welterweight William Harris gave the Air Defense Command base its other win, decisioning Ronald Shepherd. Bridgewater chalked up victories when welterweight Kenneth Cox kayoed Orville Hogue in 1:35 of the third frame and middleweight Richard Ford outpointed Coston Stenford.

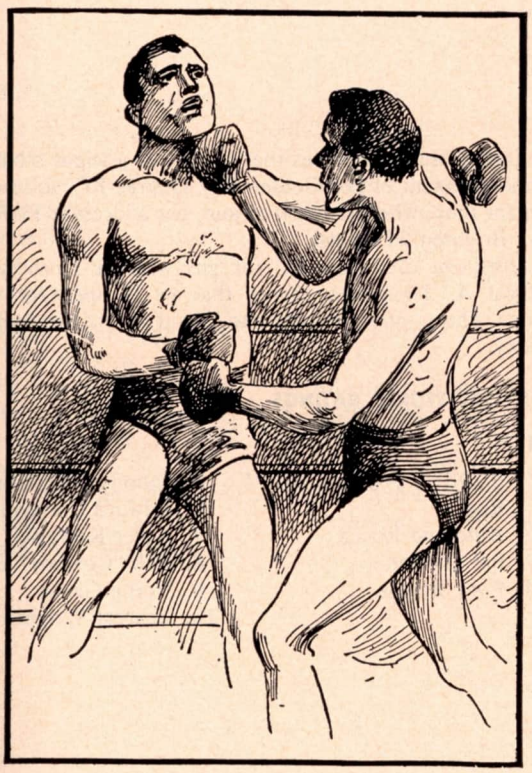
Facing interservice foe Fort Devens, the Otis punchers unloaded their big bombs, scoring three knockouts and three unanimous decisions while dropping two by the split decision route. There were 10 knockdowns in the card, nine by the Otis ringmen.

Fort Devens opened the action with two quick decisions. Light welterweight Melvin Brown took the nod over John Hosty of Otis. Hosty, the current Mass. AAU novice champ, was making his entrance in the open ranks and suffered a third round knockdown. Welterweights Joe Myers and Mariano Valesquez of Otis struggled through three rounds before Myers claimed the win.

Otis middleweight Coston Stanford changed the tide of battle in the next bout as he scored a second round knockout of Jim Ware with 1:42 gone. A dynamite-loaded left hand was the instrument of victory.

It took middleweight John Moore only 1:15 of the first round to register a knockout against Devens' Carl Watkins. The two battled toe-to-toe from the opening bell with Watkins hitting the canvas twice. Moore has won *(Continued on page 45)*

A RING MOMENT



JOE WOODMAN, the octogenarian who managed Sam Langford, was sitting in Jack Dempsey's restaurant on the occasion of Woodman's birthday. He was in a reminiscing mood. The talk, of course, centered around "Old Tham".

"What a fighter he was", said Joe. "There isn't a man in the heavyweight division today who could have stood up for ten rounds against that ring marvel. And what a personality! I could sit here all night telling stories about him."

Woodman had his listeners roaring with laughter as he told of Sambo's escapades, and the manner in which he polished off many of his opponents either when the going was tough, when he wanted to make a quick getaway or the attendance didn't warrant a lengthy bout.

Woodman's story of Sam's bout with John Willie at Atlantic Gardens on the Bowery in New York was a classic.

"When Langford and Willie entered the ring, the latter was so scared he wanted to withdraw", said Woodman. "I spoke to him and told him that Langford would take it easy.

"That eased Willie's mind. The bout got under way and Langford just jabbed and refrained from putting any power into his blows. Despite that, Willie kept coming in and clinching, to the disgust of the crowd and Sam.

"Coming to his corner at the end of the first round, Sam turned to me and in anger said: 'Dat's enuf. Ah's takin' no moh razzin.'

"I tried to persuade him to carry his man, but he refused. As the bell sent them out for the second round, Langford held out his hand and Willie, in surprise said:

" 'This ain't the last round, Sam.'

"Sam backed away, shook his head, and angrily replied:

" 'Dis is de last' foh yo'!'

"With that he crashed his right to Willie's jaw. The razzing turned to cheers as Willie was counted out and Sam leaped over the ropes."

MAN BITES DOG. . . . After 36 years of examining fighters for the New York State Athletic Commission, Dr. Alexander Schiff gets a check-up himself from N.B.A. middleweight champion Gene Fullmer at annual dinner of the New York Boxing Writers Association. (In rear is Jim Farley, former New York Commissioner and U.S. Postmaster-General.) Fullmer and Dr. Schiff were honored with major awards from the writers.

IN these days of dwindling fight crowds, the annual dinner of the New York Boxing Writers Association produced a startling development — a complete sellout attendance. Some 550 writers, boxers, managers, promoters, trainers, referees, judges, politicians and other guests jammed into the Sert Room of the Hotel Waldorf-Astoria for what turned out to be one of the finest get-togethers the Association has known of the 36 sponsored since its organization.

Guests of honor were National Boxing Association middleweight champion Gene Fullmer, who was awarded the Edward J. Neil Trophy as the "Fighter of the Year (1961)", and Dr. Alexander Schiff, member of the New York State Athletic Commission's medical staff, who was awarded the James J. Walker Trophy for "long and meritorious service to boxing."

U.S. Senator Frank E. Moss of Fullmer's home state, Utah, presented the Neil award to Gene, while Jim Farley, one-time New York boxing boss and later U.S. Postmaster General under President Franklin D. Roosevelt, did the honors for Schiff.

Supplementary awards were made to former welterweight and middleweight champion Mickey Walker, trainer Morris (Whitey) Bimstein and TV-radio announcer Don Dunphy.

Heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson and his No. 1 challenger Sonny Liston were among the many distinguished ringsters present. Others included such past and present luminaries as Joe Louis, Billy Conn, Gus Lesnevich, Jim Braddock, Joe Brown, Frankie Genaro, Abe Attell, Georgie Ward, Sid Terris, Ruby Goldstein, Tommy Loughran, Ray Impelletiere, Melio Bettina, Willie Pep, Sandy Saddler, Jersey Joe Walcott, Carmen Basilio, Barney Ross, Paul Berlenbach, Lou Salica and Tony DeMarco.

Dan Daniel of *The Ring* and the *New York World-Telegram* did his usual fine job as master of ceremonies, while noted humorist Harry Hershfield and TV comic Phil Foster added gaiety to the festive occasion with entertaining talks.

A COMPLETE WRESTLING SECTION

By NAT LOUBET

ON AND AROUND THE MAT

FAN CLUBS CORNER

Miguel Pery has had an FC started in his honor by Miss Carol Blandino of 156 Charlotte Street, Rochester 7, N.Y. . . . Phyllis Hughes writes that she is forced to disband her FC for Marvin Mercer because that worthy is retiring . . . first we heard of Mercer's hanging up his tights . . . Phyllis is starting another club in honor of Eddie Graham and Dick Steinborn, and she can be reached for particulars at Route 2, Greenwood, Delaware.

Yours truly received a nhonorary membership by way of announcement of the Ilio Di Paolo International FC, headed up by Freddy Carveth of 1260 Kingston Rd., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada. . . . A new Fan Club has been formed for Bob Orton, headed up by Harris Rosenfeld of 140-21 31st Street, Flushing, N.Y. 54.

Janice Malames writes that there was a slight mixup in the announcement of her Golden Boy Dupree FC, so to clear the air for those who may wish to join, her address is 33 Fairbanks St., Brighton 35, Mass.

President of a new FC for girl wrestler Dorothy Carter, David A. Thompson, writes that he is open for memberships. Those interested write to David at Bradfordsville, Kentucky.

OFFICIAL WORLD RATINGS

MEN

1. Buddy "Nature Boy" Rogers
2. Antonino Rocca
3. Pat O'Connor
4. Fred Blassie
5. Johnny Valentine
6. Edward Carpentier
7. Killer Kowalski
8. Bob "Cowboy" Ellis
9. Verne Gagne
10. Bearcat Wright

WOMEN

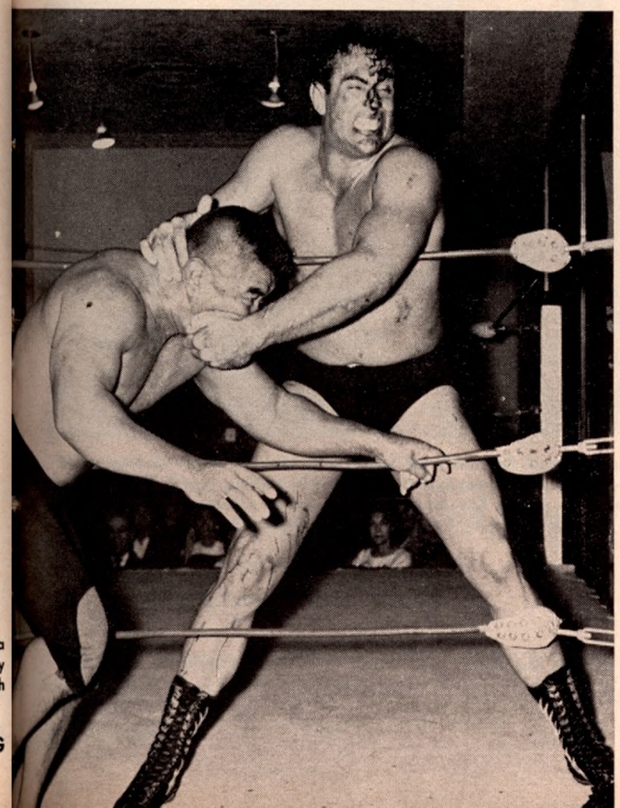
1. June Byers
2. Penny Banner
3. Fabulous Moolah
4. Rita Cortez
5. Alma Mills
6. Judy Grable
7. Millie Stafford
8. Lorraine Johnson
9. Fran Gravette
10. Evelyn Stevers

TAG TEAMS

1. Johnny Valentine and "Cowboy" Ellis
2. The Kangaroos (Al Costello and Roy Heffernan)
3. Eddie Graham and Dick Steinborn
4. Tiny Mills and Stan Kowalski
5. John and Chris Tolos
6. Ray Stevens (Shires) and Art Nelson
7. Alberto and Ramon Torres
8. Kurt and Karl Von Brauner
9. Doc and Mike Gallagher
10. Billy Red Lyons and Roy Diamond (Nick Bockwinkle)

Brian Jones, Ring correspondent, sends along this recent picture of George Hackenschmidt with his wife at the door of their home in London, England. An octogenarian, George, one of wrestling's greatest, has become a lecturer on philosophy and a fighter for peace. His battles with Frank Gotch were ring classics.

Left: Haystack Calhoun the rage of the East Coast, who weighs over a quarter of a ton. He's a weighty problem to his opponents. Above: Lenny Montana, 240 pound 6 footer, a favorite with Southern crowds, poses with enthusiastic fan. (Photo by Gene Gordon)



Left: "Cowboy" Bob Ellis, with face and scalp wounds, readies opponent Kinji Shibja for a trip into the turn buckle. Despite this momentary advantage Kenji rallied to win the contest. The action took place at the Garden Room of the Riverside Hotel at Reno, Nevada. Above: The "Masked Medics", a twosome, who have been running rampant in Southern rings. A novelty duo with marked wrestling ability.

NEW YORK WRESTLING
By JOHN QUAGLIARELLO

Johnny Valentine and "Cowboy" Bob Ellis are the new United States Tag Team Champions! Yes, the Fabulous Kangaroos have been beaten for their title by the 1961 "Hero of the Year" and the 1960 "Hero of the Year."

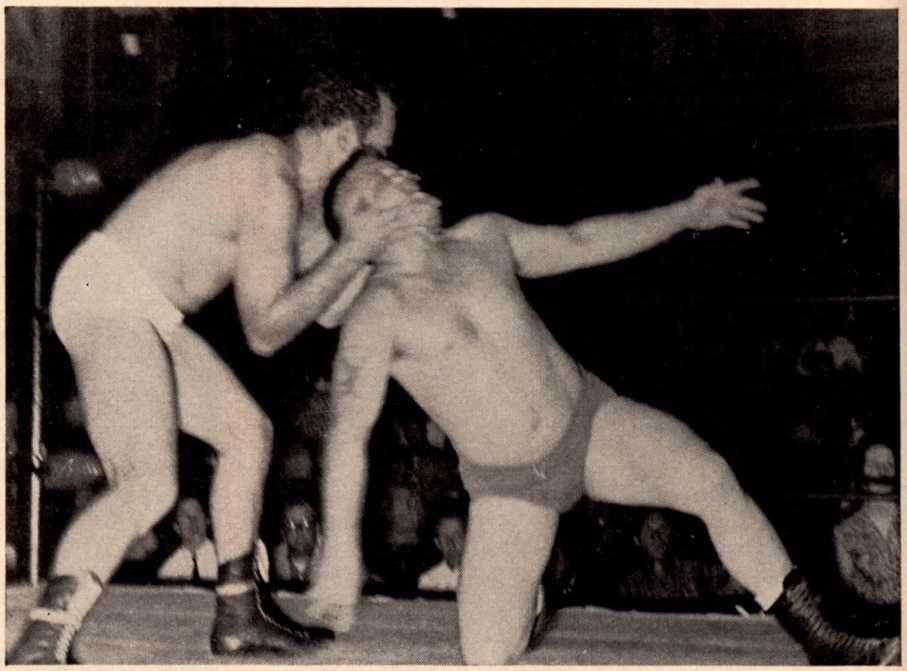
The Kangaroos entered the Capital Arena ring with the U.S. championship belts around their waist and seconded by Wild Red Berry. Their opponents were supposed to be Antonino Rocca and Johnny Valentine. Tony and Johnny defeated the Kangaroos in Madison Square Garden a month ago but did not get the belts, since Eddie Graham and Dickie Steinborn had them. This rematch was to be televised.

Well, Rocca called the arena and said that transportation difficulties made it impossible for him to get there. Fortunately, a young fellow by the name of Bob Ellis was in town negotiating for future matches. This was his opportunity to wrestle in a championship bout in his first match in this part of the country.

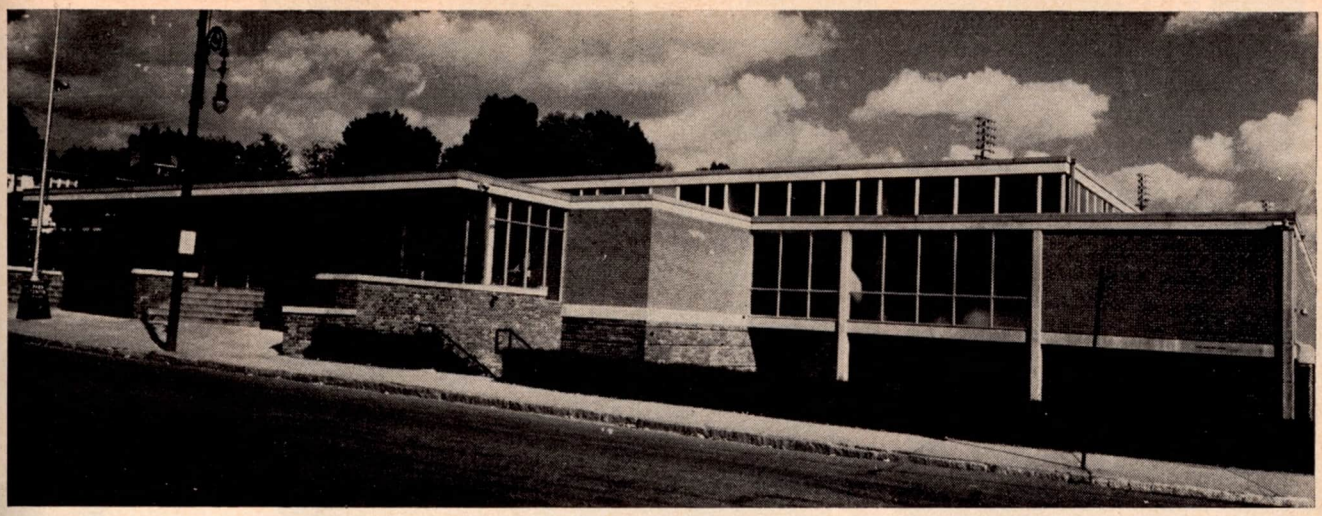
Berry refused to put the title on the line, if Rocca didn't show up, but National Wrestling Alliance official Phil Sacco ruled that it had to be for the championship.

The fans were disappointed at Rocca's absence and the substitution of this newcomer. But Ellis really proved himself. A series of dropkicks, hip rolls, and a tremendous "Bull-dogging" headlock gave him the first fall in less than one minute! Bedlam broke loose.

It took Heffernan ten minutes to recover consciousness. When he did, he managed to pin Valentine for the second fall. This really disappointed the fans.



Left: Miss Ann Casey of Mobile, Alabama, five feet eight inches of grace and ability stacked around a 145 pound wildcat. She started wrestling as a pro in December of 1961 and has received good notices in the Carolinas and Tennessee areas. Above: Ray Andrews, white trunks, playing "spin the bottle," with Billy Cox's head during a wild brawl won by Cox in two out of three falls.



"The House that Crockett Built," the Park Center Arena at Charlotte, N.C., where Jim Crockett has been the entertainment and sports promoter since 1933. Crockett has built up wrestling in his area to the point where it is a top U.S. territory.

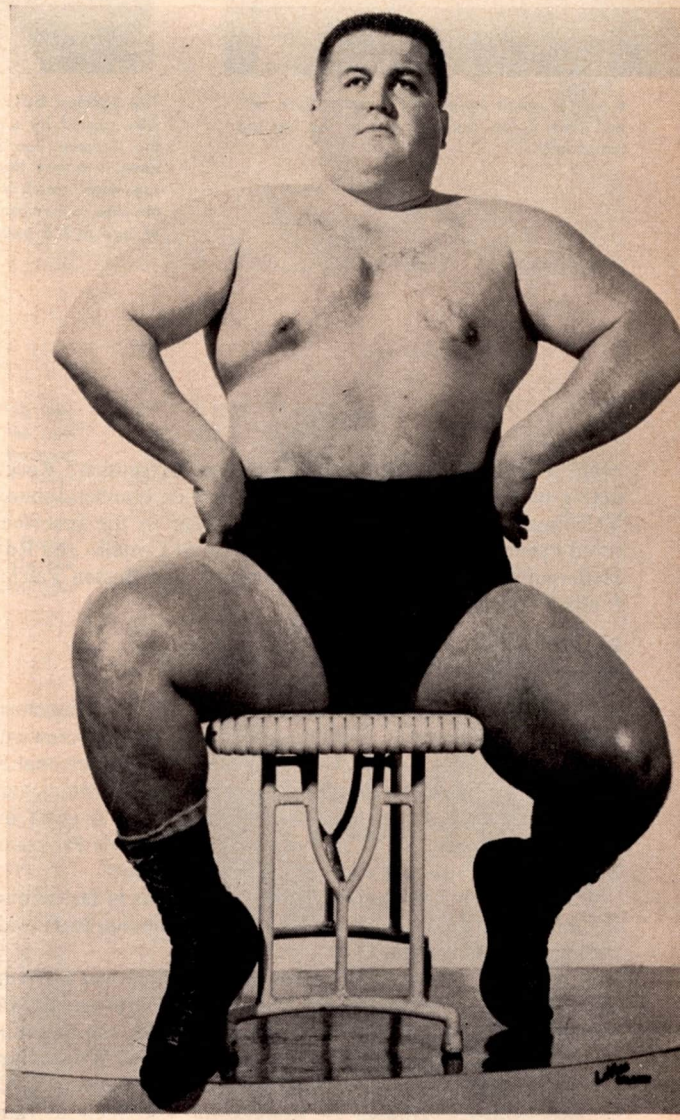
In the final fall, both Kangaroos double-teamed first Ellis and then Valentine. Finally, Red Berry entered the ring and helped Costello put Johnny in the reverse suplex. The referee counted to three and stopped the bout. The crowd booed and hissed, thinking that the Kangaroos had won. Actually, it was Costello's shoulders that were pinned! The millions of TV viewers and the mob at the arena went wild with delight as Valentine and Ellis were declared the winners and left the ring with the U.S. Championship belts around their waist.

WRESTLING SCENE
By RICHARD BRANCIFORTE

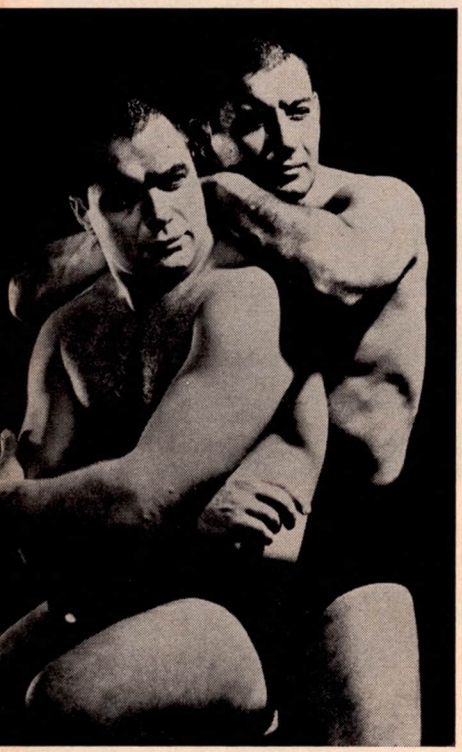
During the months of Dec. and Jan. the Renaissance of TV wrestling has continued. The promoters are to be congratulated on their fine service to the fans. Here are some of the best results: Bridgeport—Bob Orton and The Great Scott retained their Eastern States Tag Team Championship by defeating Billy Darnell and The Angel. Sunnyside—Shohei Baba defeated Man Mountain Campbell in 6:15 with a Japanese Sleeper Hold. Washington, D.C.—Miquel Perez defeated Steve Stanlee in 13:00, The Mighty Atlas defeated the Angel in 8:00 after the Angel lost his balance. Bridgeport—Argentine Apollo and Miquel Perez drew with the Sicilians in a wild match. Washington, D.C.—In of the best matches of the year, Bruno Sammartino took two straight falls from The Angel. Sammartino took the first fall with a body press in 8:00. He also took the second fall with a jackknife. Bridgeport—Argentine Appllo defeated Fred Atkins in 4:38 with a jackknife. Bearcat Wright defeated Steve Stanlee. Sunnyside—Art Thomas defeated Karl Von Hess. Brute Bernard and Skull Murphy defeated Man Mountain Campbell and Jolly Cholly. Red Bastien defeated Angelo Savoldi. Washington, D.C.—Miquel Perez pinned Mighty Atlas in 3:00. Don Curtis defeated Mr. Sato in 15:00. Island Garden Arena, West Hempstead—Wright and Thomas defeated Orton and Scott but the latter retained title on disqualification. Bruno Sammartino and Billy Darnell drew Bernard-Murphy. Bridgeport—Billy Darnell defeated Black Terror. Sunnyside—Sammartino defeated Mr. Sato. Bridgeport—Billy Darnell retained his newly won Eastern States. Heavyweight Championship by defeating Larry Simon.

1961 BOSTON WRESTLING SCENE
By AL KRTIL

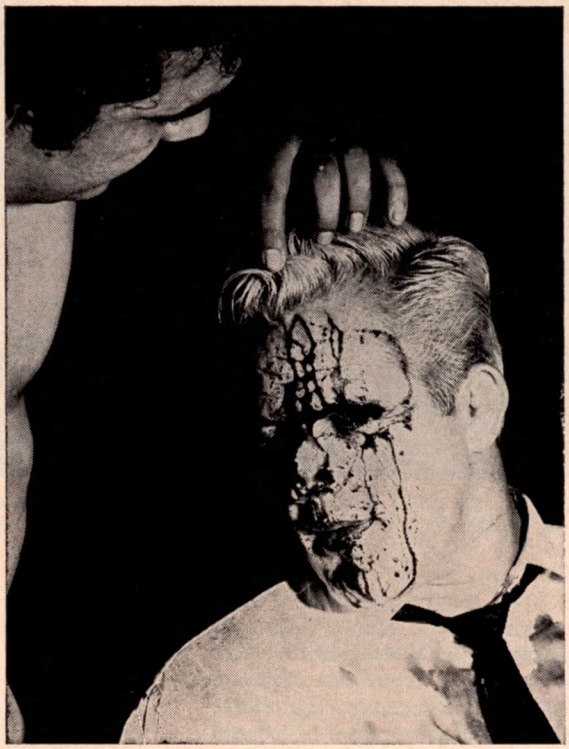
The 1962 wrestling scene got under way with an all-star card promoted by Abe Ford at the Boston Arena. In the main



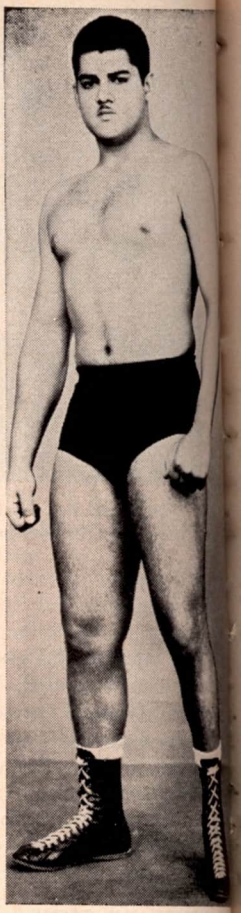
From Calgary, Alberta, Canada, Bill, "The Mighty" Soloweyko, 325 pound, six feet one inch strong man, who sports a 62" chest and 23½" neck. Sam Menacker has been piloting the youngster in his successful career.



A pair of rough, tough, tag teamers, John, left, and Chris Tolos. They are one of the top tag teams in U.S.



Tito Carreon looks over gash on forehead of Eddie Graham which was caused by a cane belonging to Saul Weingroff, manager of the German duo Kurt and Karl Von Brauner. Saul let Graham have it across the pate after his boys had been disqualified in tag team match with Graham and Chief Big Heart. Right: Pedro Morales, a newcomer from Culebra, Puerto Rico, who at 20 years of age is 218 pounds of promise.



event it was the one and only Antonino "Argentina" Rocca taking two out of three falls from the blonde bomber Johnny Valentine. Other cards at the Arena earlier in the year featured Primo Carnera, "The Kangaroos"—Al Costello and Roy Heffernan, Jackie Nichols, Pat O'Connor, and Boston Patriot football star, Jack Davis.

EASTERN NEWS AND ACTION
by EARLE YETTER

Have you seen the new Ricki Starr lately? He has blossomed forth with a full grown coiffure instead of his usual crew-cut and on him it looks good. This fabulous wrestling personality continues to amaze his horde of friends with a distinct versatility that is amazing. Since his appearance as a guest on The Ed. Television Show as well as on Jack Paar's Program, Starr has revealed a new facet in his fabulous career.

Burly Dick Beyer, Buffalo heavyweight, who is fast climbing into the top echelon of wrestling, will campaign in Hawaii during the cold season.

Kurt Stein, German and European Champion, was the winner in Buffalo's Second Annual Wrestlethon Extravaganza. He halted the win streak of The Sheik who had run up nine consecutive victories in Buffalo and gained the Wrestlethon Crown by virtue of a disqualification. The Sheik's manager, Ali Hasson, who was guiding the destinies of The Sheik at ringside, grabbed Stein by the leg and refused to release the hold while The Sheik was pummeling the German in a corner. Referee Joe Muscato, who had warned Hasson that he was not to interfere in any way during the bout, disqualified The Sheik.

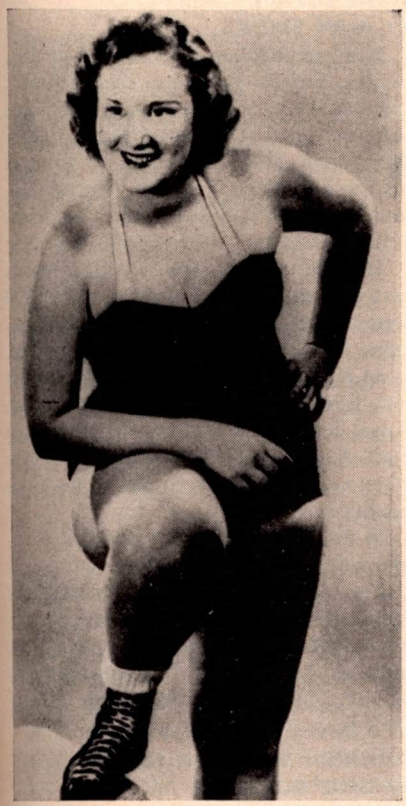
Stein was brought to Buffalo by Promoter Pedro Martinez to participate in the Second World Wrestlethon Tournament. The up-state promoter had gone on a 14,000-mile airplane junket to look over new talent in England, France, Italy and Germany. He came upon Stein in Germany and felt that the 6'3", 240 pounder, would be just what was needed in the U.S. Stein disposed of Pedro Godoy, Cuban heavyweight, in the semi-final event of the Wrestlethon to draw the assignment against The Sheik who was forced to participate in four bouts during the semi-finals before he gained the feature event of the Wrestlethon.

In the first round, The Sheik gained a 10 minute decision over Karol Kalmikoff, then went on successively to defeat Hercules Romero in 1:38 in the second round, gained the decision over Ilio Di Paolo in the third round when Di Paolo was disqualified for refusing to break on the ropes. The Sheik then cast his bid for the Wrestlethon feature when he disposed of Tony Marino with his "Camel-Clutch" hold in 3:30.

Tony Marino, young Rochester, N.Y. heavyweight, surprised his many friends by being a runner-up in the Wrestlethon tournament. In the first series of bouts, he defeated Frank Valois with his vaunted "Cobra-Stretch" in 11:02. This victory catapulted Marino into the finals, where he participated in three victorious bouts before succumbing to The Sheik in the fourth round of bouts.

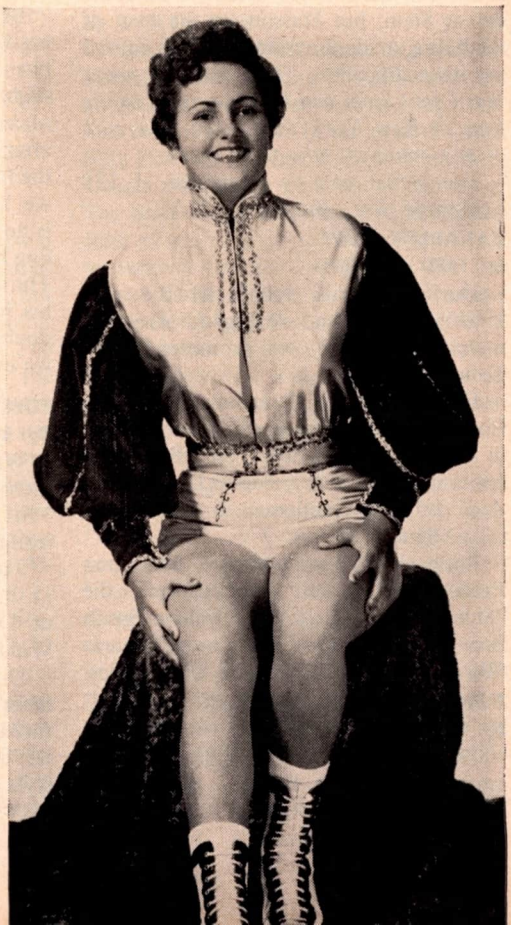
Marino's victories were against *(Continued on page 38)*

Right: At Reno, Nevada, Bert Wheeler, world famous comedian, and two show girls go through a routine with wrestler Jack "Moe" Smith. Is it wrestling?



Phyllis Hoffman, an explosive red head who is back in action after a long absence from the ring due to illness. She stands 5'7" toward the ozone and is a rugged 160 pounds of wrestling destruction. She is blue-eyed, 23 years old, and hails from Sandusky, Ohio.

A couple of wrestling armfuls who delight the eye when in the ring or outside. Below: Dinah Beamon, a newcomer doing well in Texas rings. She weighs 138 pounds and is 5'6" tall. Miss Dorothy Carter, right, is a product of Bangor, Maine, a dewey-eyed honey with style. She packs excitement and charm. This youngster has class.



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Ivan Kalmikoff with a 10 minute decision in the first round of bouts. In the second round he defeated The Crusher (Oscar Verdu) in 5:55 with the "Cobra-Stretch" while in the third round he decisioned Dick Beyer in 10 minutes. The three rugged preliminary bouts had taken their toll of Marino when he faced The Sheik in the final of the fourth round of bouts. Marino succumbed to the Sheik's "Camel-Clutch" and the Lebanese grappler won the opportunity of facing Kurt Stein in the Wrestlethon finale.

Other events during the first round of the Wrestlethon Tournament saw Johnny Barend defeat Jose Garcia with a press in 8:56; Ilio Di Paolo gained a 10 minute decision over Hans Schmidt; Hercules Romera got the nod over Billy Lyons after a rough 10 minute bout; Dick Beyer defeated Chief Lone Eagle with a press in 1:06.

The second round saw Dick Beyer get the decision after 10 minutes over Johnny Barend, while Ilio Di Paolo drew a bye. The third round saw the Chief defeat Di Paolo with a penalty fall in 4:26 and Tony Marino got the nod over Dick Beyer after 10 minutes of rugged going.

At this writing it is possible that The Sheik will demand a rematch with Kurt Stein to rekindle his prestige of nine consecutive victories previous to his disqualification in the Wrestlethon finale.

"A disqualification does not take away any ability of a real wrestler," said The Sheik after his first Buffalo loss. Speaking through his interpreter, Ali Hasson, The Sheik said that he was confident he could defeat Stein, but Hasson, in the heat of the battle, made the mistake which caused my disqualification. *"This does not prove that I fear Stein and I have proven to the fans in New York that I can take care of any opponent who faces me."*

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CANADIAN NEWS
By FRED CARVETH

During the last month of the year 1961 we have had real good wrestling matches put on by our promoter, Frank Tunney.

Here in Toronto, Canada, we have had Lord Athol Layton defeating Taro Sakuro in a Judo Jacket Match. Tom (Emperor) Jones unfortunately losing to Dick. (Bulldog) Brower, Gentleman Jim Hady defeated Sandor Kovacs.

Raphael Halpern defeated Mustapha Pasha of Istanbul, Turkey, and the "Stormy" Hurricane and Cyclone Smith Bros. lost to the Hamilton, Ontario "Wrecking Crew" John and Chris Tolos.

EUROPEAN WRESTLING NEWS
By BRIAN A. JONES

The big news from this side of the Atlantic comes from England this month. Joint Promotions Ltd., the largest promotional organization in Britain have finally come to some agreement with the independent group and matmen from both sides now have the freedom to work for any promoters with the exception of the Australian wrestler-promoter Paul Lincoln and his boys who are not included in the new set-up.

Farmer John Allan the rising young grappler from Halifax recently won the mid-heavyweight championship of the world (this division is more commonly known as junior-heavyweight in most countries) by defeating the holder Mike Marino in Sheffield, England. Marino had previously taken the crown from Norman Walsh who had been kingpin for a number of years, since winning it from South African Mannie Maritz. John Allan is a popular figure in British wrestling circles but this writer looks to Norman Walsh regaining the crown in the very near future.

The villainous Australian globetrotter Frank Hurley is back in Britain after a three month tour of South Africa. Hurley who spent eight years in the United States and Canada is of the opinion that this country is the leading mat centre in the world today.

American fans may be interested to know that the villainous Red Grupe who is currently appearing along the Eastern Seaboard is really Richard Grupe, a former German boxer who took to the mat a few years ago. Grupe will be best remembered in Europe for a series of so called 'World Championship" matches he had with Primo Carnera.

Billy Two Rivers still remains the leading box office attraction in Great Britain but this writer feels his popularity is slightly on the wane, fans are getting tired of seeing the same old war dance night after night. Since he first arrived here in the fall of 1959 Bill has been the best draw we have had for years but he certainly is not the greatest attraction British wrestling has known. Credit for this must go to The Ghoul, a huge masked wrestler who in his heyday ten-twelve years ago was undoubtedly the greatest box office magnet we ever had.

TOPS IN TEXAS
By BOYD PIERCE

Wrestling attendance set new box office records in almost every Texas city during 1961, with Houston, Dallas and Amarillo leading the state.

Three of the reasons for this upsurge at the arenas was due to the appearances of Dory Dixon, Torbellino Blanco and Wold Bull Curry.

Dixon, the muscular built young star from Jamaica, British West Indies captured the fancy of fans and foes alike, as he brought an entirely new grappling style to the Lone Star State. Possessing lightning-like speed, Dixon won the Texas championship belt and successfully defended it against all opponents for more than six months. This is an exceptionally long time for a champion to reign because of the top calibre opponents that appear in Texas.

He had teriffic bouts with former world champion Pat O'Connor and the current titleholder Buddy Rogers. Both matches ended in a draw decision with Dixon clamoring for another chance at them.

Torbellino Blanco, the white-masked whirlwind from Spain via way of Mexico, is one of the all time greats of the mat sport in Texas. He returned to the United States last year after a tour which included Peru and Central America in which he dominated all opposition in main events wherever he wrestled.

Last but certainly not least, in ability or words, is the most controversial character that ever entered the squared ring or agreed to an interview. This is none other than Bull Curry, the wild ex-cop from Hartford, Connecticut.

Curry has never held the crowns that most of his fellow grapplers seek and he doesn't intend to win them. He is the "Brass Knucks Champion," which is emblematic of the toughest man in wrestling and this is his title. All others are for "Geeks and sissies," declares the wild Bull. Fans come from many miles distance to see the bushy eye-browed Curry defend his trophy against anyone.

TEXAS RASSLIN'
By ALAN ESKEW

More action has been stirred up here by the Dalton Brothers, then in many months. The Daltons, Jack and Jim, are managed by Al (Spider) Galento. Jack is the current Texas champion by virtue of his win over Pepe Gonzales. The two Daltons are the World Tag Team Champions (one version).

The 1961 season ended with a big six matches on the card. In the opener Sid Jones debuted and won over Pepe Gonzales. In the second event Sam Steamboat, from Hawaii, won over European champion, Edoardo Castillo. Next the Russian Angel lost to La Pantera, a big masked man. Ciclon Negro topped Jim Dalton when Galento interfered calling for a disqualification of Jim.

In the Semifinal undefeated Eric Rommel battled Duke Keomuka to a draw.

The big main event saw Iron Mike take 2 out of 3 falls from Jack Dalton. Galento was caged over the ring to keep him from interfering, but when Jack got somewhat bloody, Jim came to his rescue causing Jack to be disqualified.

SOUTHERN WRESTLING NEWS
By GENE GORDON

From parts unknown come a masked tag team who have been bowling over top competition in the Carolinas. Before show-

ing their ability here these mystery men in white who are widely known as "The Masked Medics" were the rage in Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, and Mississippi.

Since their debut here several months back they have been the top attraction defeating such well known teams as The Von Brouners, Lee Garcia and Tito Carreon, Don McClarity and Lenny Montana, and many more. Also beating the best in single bouts. Their toughest match was one in which they were held to a 60 minute draw against the highly touted combination of Henry Phillips and Billy Parks. Rough, fast, tough, as well as tricky in the ring, they are a classy team. These fellows work together like a clock.

Pat O'brien, crowd pleasing Irishman, who fought thrilling battles here has left the Carolinas for Florida.

Rip Hawk, a colorful, crowd provoking toughie has been creating much havoc with his rough house style of brawling and his arrogant ways. The people have tabbed him "The Hawk" and recently some fan drew a "Chicken Hawk" and sent it to 'Rip." The husky blond didn't like the idea too well.

Another "Angel" has made his appearance in wrestling. This fellow is strong as an ox, fast on his feet, and standing over six feet tall, weighing 250 lbs. He wrestles barefooted, has a clean shaven head, but unlike the other "Angels" of years past, this man is normal in appearance. Many veteran fans will recall Maurice Tillet, "The French Angel," whose head was three times as large as the normal persons. He is the most remembered of all. Others were "The Swedish Angel" who had super human strength and a bullet shaped head. Also some of you close followers of wrestling may remember The Canadian Angel whose real name was Jack Rush.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEWS
By ROY BERNHARDT

Southern California has really had its share of wrestling in the past few weeks.

On a Friday night at the Sports Arena Freddie Blassie put his world championship on the line for Argentina Rocca. It proved to be one of the roughest matches ever seen in the Sports Arena. Blassie took the first fall with a body press after 15:22. Rocca came right back after 12:37 to take the second fall with his famed back breaker. As Blassie lay unconscious on the mat, Rocca continued to pummel and kick him. When the referee tried to stop Rocca he knocked him down and was disqualified. It took the help of Leo Geribaldi and Art Thomas to subdue Rocca.

Other matches on the card were: Art "Sailor" Thomas defeated Crusher Kowalski. Ricki Starr defeated John Smith. Little Beaver and Irish Jack defeated Fuzzy Cupid and Billy Burke. Leo Geribaldi drew with Mr. Moto.

On the following night Ray Stevens took advantage of a missed drop kick by Bobo Brazil to successfully defend his version of the world championship. Had Brazil connected with the drop kick there would probably be a new champion.

Other matches on the same card were: Mitsu Arakawa and Kinji Shibuia defeated Ray "Thunder" Stern and Red Bastien. Pepper Gomez defeated Logger Jackson. Cowboy Bob Ellis defeated Haajji Baba. Haystack Calhoun defeated Judo Jack Terry and John L, Joe and Guy Brunetti defeated Roy Shire and George Drake.

CALIFORNIA ACTION
By PAUL PETERSON

The newly formed and slightly sensational tag team of Art "Seaman" Thomas and former world champion Lou Thesz came from behind to defeat Freddy Blassie, NAWA heavyweight wrestling champion, and Mr. Moto. Blassie and Moto captured the first fall as Moto caught Lou coming off the ropes with a judo chop. From then on seldom was the tried the same maneuver on Thesz but, ring cleared of all four wrestlers. Moto instead, Lou nailed him with a flying body scissors and press. In the final fall with all four men in the ring Lou threw the truculent Georgian, Freddy Blassie, against the ropes and Thomas caught him in his patented bear hug to spell finis to Blassie and company. The loss was only the third one suffered by Blassie and Moto, who had formerly held the International T.V. Tag Team Championship.

In the televised main event Count Billy Varga successfully defended his American heavyweight wrestling championship by besting Ramon Torres in two-out-of-three falls. Dick Hutton downed Fred Atkins in straight falls, while newcomer Jesus Ortega had little trouble with Juan Hernandez.

LOS ANGELES WRESTLING
By MIKE STENSVOLD

At the Olympic Auditorium, Downtown, Los Angeles: Mr. Moto, the Japanese karate man, used a judo chop (not karate!) to beat Aldo Bogni, a big South American. In bout number two, 310 pounder Jesus Ortega easily took the measure of Al Marshall and Silent Pedro Sanchez; the former with a body slam and body press, the latter with a giant swing and flying body press. Total elasped time: a little over two minutes! In the third bout, Art "Seaman" Thomas, 253, took two straight falls from The Brute, Freddie Atkins. Atkins was disqualified at the 8:11 mark in fall number one, while the Seaman's bear hug took fall two at the 7:33 point. The televised main event saw Count Billy Varga, 222, retain his American championship in a match with Cowboy Dick Hutton, a former World champ, who weighed in at 248. Varga took the first fall with the Varga "stretch," and Hutton promptly used the same hold to take the second fall. Time ran out in the third fall, and Varga kept the title when the bout was ruled a draw. The non-televised bout saw The Missouri Maniac, Classy Freddie Blassie, 234, keep his version of the World's title when he drew with Sandor Szabo. The bout ended when the two men collided in the center of the ring and knocked each other out.

ALL-STAR WRESTLING IN IOWA
By LARRY LEWIS

The big man from Alaska, Yukon Eric turned up at the Waterloo hippodrome and with his famous style defeated the blonde killer from California, Buddy Austin, in a special non-title lumberjack match. Blonde Buddy is currently the Central States champion. The crowd was jubilant as Yukon took the one fall as Austin has been boasting that on man alive could beat him.

In the semi-windup, Tarzan Tyler, the blonde belter from Seattle, defeated Guy LaRose, from Montreal, in a two out of three fall match. A Tyler-Austin battle would go great here as they are probably the two most hated wrestlers in Iowa. The other giant from Alaska, The Alaskan, lost a one fall bout to Ray Gordon, the popular New Zealand star. The tag team of Arman Hussein and Waterloo's own Jim "Dandy" Hoosman took the measure of Ray Duran of Tulsa and Danny Dale of Hollywood in a two of three fall match. As an added attraction Happy Humphrey, 762 pounder from Macon, Georgia defeated big Joe Clark, 6 foot 8 inch grappler from Butte, Montana.

MATLINE—PITTSBURGH
By EVELYN LESH

Pittsburgh's 1962 wrestling season started off with a bang this month as the attendance showed an increase of 1000 fans over December. In the preliminaries, Billy Fox lost to Chet Wallick when Billy missed a dropkick and injured his knee. The Bonecracker made his second appearance as a pro, and took only 39 seconds to subdue Gordon Zarbo with his full nelson. Steve Novak, back in his home town after a long absence, easily defeated Man Mountain Campbell with a cobra twist. Alexandros Kostopolous gained an easy victory over Gypsy Joe with his head butts. Zivko Kovacic used a reverse cradle for an easy win over Angelo Savoldi.

The midgets returned with another hilarious tag team match, pitting Sky Low Low and Fuzzy Cupid against the winners Tiny Tim and the Brown Panther. Ever popular Ace Freeman had his chance to get even with Wild Red Berry for all the derogatory remarks Red has been making on TV, and the match was thoroughly enjoyed by the fans as Ace took command of the situation, grinning constantly as he proved himself to be the better man.

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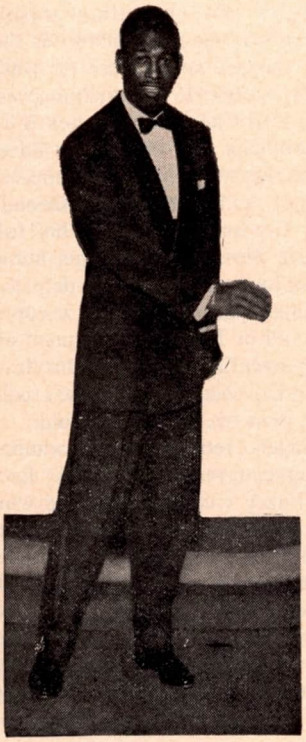
FOURTEEN EX-CHAMPS STILL ACTIVE

By FRED EISENSTADT

MANY ringmen consider the expression "They Never Come Back," an empty or exaggerated one and therefore controvertible. The frustrating saying is especially frowned upon by pugilists in whom there still lingers a measure of physical fitness and a fighting spirit. For this type veteran the light of hope refuses to dim until infirmity and a waning desire for ring activity, becomes overwhelmingly perceptible to them.

Naturally, the tenacious feeling in the diehards to keep fighting when their career obviously should end is more prevalent among men who have occupied the top rung of the ladder.

At this writing there are thirteen former champions still unretired or campaigning. Most of them not only feel that they are good enough to wage successful battles against the younger crop of boxers but maintain a strong hope of regaining their valued crowns.



Ray Robinson

RAY ROBINSON . . . might well be the most hopeful and most confident of the group. Rated among the greatest ever to wield padded mittens, Robinson has performed the miracle of winning the welterweight title once and middleweight championship six times. For over 20 years he had been entertaining boxing enthusiasts with his amazing skill and speed—with his sharp and deadly punching. He was a wizard in action. That, however, is all past—as demonstrated in his latest Garden fight in which he was given an unpopular verdict over young Denny Moyer in ten rounds. The 41-year-old Harlem Dandy was a dull shadow of his once brilliant self.

A month after his Garden fight, it took him six rounds to halt an unknown Al Hauser in a small boxing arena.

Robinson's ring grace is gone, so is the power of his punch. Clearly, Ray's ray of hope to recapture the 160-pound title is doomed to expire—as it must, should his next opponent be a genuine ringman. His kayo over Wilfie Greaves a short time ago proves nothing.

Ingemar Johansson

INGEMAR JOHANSSON . . . undoubtedly still entertains hope of fighting his way back to the top—since he's only 30 years of age. Despite having twice been knocked out by Floyd Patterson, whom he had halted in their first imbroglio to win the heavyweight title in June, 1959, the dimpled Swede, strong and fast, thinks he can make it again. He carries a stunning wallop and has pride in his speed and skill, hence refuses to announce his retirement, though he has long been out of action.

First, the haunting memory of twice having suffered KOs by Patterson has not completely left his mind and his ring inactivity, two devastating handicaps, may cause him to hang up his gloves unless, as he says, he can obtain Sonny Liston as an opponent. He is finally making his long-delayed comeback—is meeting Joe Bygraves in a tune-up for bigger fights to come. Beating Bygraves—if he does it—will prove nothing substantial.

TONY DEMARCO . . . became world welterweight champion on April 1, 1955 by knocking out Johnny Saxton in 14 rounds, but held the title only a little over 3 months—being kayoed by Carmen Basilio in 12 rounds. A fair fighter and a good hitter, DeMarco had little else to offer as a champ. He continued fighting, winning a few, losing a few, and suffering a few kayoes. Out of action for almost a year, Tony returned to the ring in mid-December and halted ex-147 pound title holder Don Jordan in two heats.

Despite the win, DeMarco doesn't seem to have the stuff to regain his past glory, let alone the title. Courage, or a solid wallop is not sufficient to becoming a world champion—especially when a boxer has passed his peak.

PAUL PENDER . . . proved in his two great fights with Ray Robinson, the first early in 1960, which earned him the middleweight title; the second some five months later, in which Paul successfully defended it, that he's an able and confident ringman. Paul though past thirty, hopes to regain his laurels in his return match with Terry Downes, which is scheduled for early this year. Pender quit in their last engagement due to fatigue and a gash over the eye.

Though a veteran, Paul, having participated in less than 50 contests since turning pro in 1949 because of brittle hands, is not ready for retirement. Paul's ring future still is bright. He's possessed of high intelligence and genuine boxing skill, which he unfailingly applies in facing opponents. Pender's chances of regaining his past glory are good. Pender will get his chance at Downs again on April 1. He will try very hard it is assumed, to make a fool of Terry and not himself.

VIRGIL AKINS . . . started boxing in 1948. Most of his battles were tough and hard-won. Disposing of Vince Martinez in four thrilling rounds in an elimination tournament early in June, 1958, Akins was declared world welterweight champion. Six months later he lost the title to Don Jordan.

His effort to retrieve it in April, 1959, failed. That year Virgil won four of five contests. Continuing to ply his trade, he lost as often as he won. The year 1961 was good to the fading veteran; he triumphed in five of seven fights.

However, at 34, it's almost a certainty that Akins knows full well he's nearing the end of his career. But inasmuch as boxing is his business, he keeps plugging away, grabbing as much cash as possible for himself and his family.

CARLOS ORTIZ . . . successfully campaigned as a lightweight for 5 years, trying for a crack at Joe Brown's title. Failing to cajole the wily old scrapper to face him, the gifted Puerto Rican put on a few pounds and met Kenny Lane in June, 1959, for the Junior welterweight championship, winning by a TKO in two rounds.

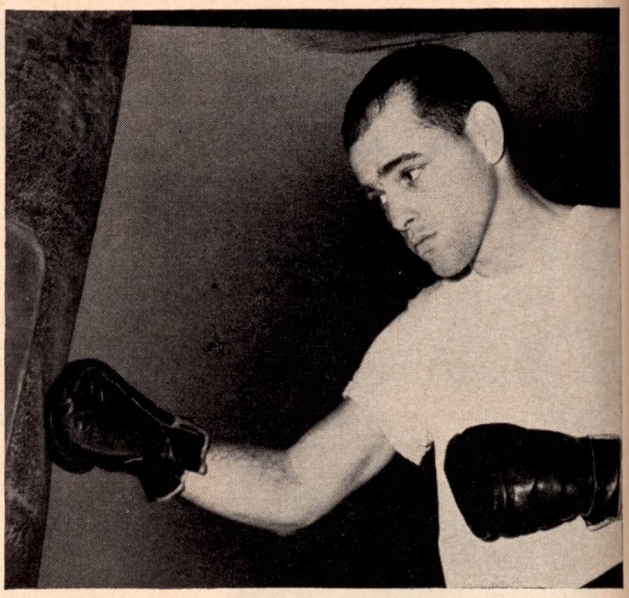
Early in February, 1960, Ortiz defended his diadem by putting the chill on Battling Torres in 10. Four months later he outpointed Duilio Loi in 15 rounds, retaining his title. In September of that year, the Italian got a 15-round nod over Carlos, taking his crown.

Only 25, and in his prime, Carlos is regarded as the best lightweight in boxing today. Cool under fire, skillful and confident, he takes a forceful wallop and comes back fighting furiously. Ortiz is at last getting a crack at Joe Brown's lightweight title; the pair will cross mitts on February 24.

CARL (BOBO) OLSON . . . became world middleweight king, after nine years of boxing, by beating Randy Turpin for the vacated title, in October, 1953. Though rugged and willing, Carl somehow failed to be impressive. His style lacked flash.

After losing the title to Sugar Ray Robinson late in 1955, the Honolulu-born boxer was again stiffened by Sugar Ray in May of the following year and announced his retirement. But he resumed fighting as a light-heavyweight and did fairly well, though suffering a KO by heavyweight Pat McMurtry. In 1961 Carl did better—winning 5, losing one, and reversing the defeat.

Bobo cannot fool himself or impress the public that he can actually reach the top again. What probably keeps him fighting is financial pressure. Even such powerful incentive cannot push too far one who has put in 16 hard years at so demanding a sport as fighting. Olson is heading toward fistic oblivion at a rapid rate.

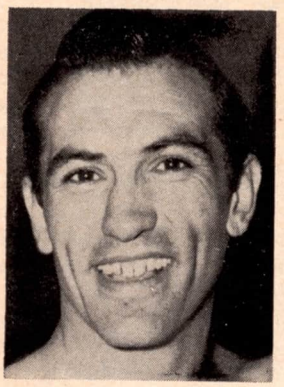


Carl Bobo Olson

EMILE GRIFFITH . . . who was deprived of the welterweight title after holding it for only two months, feels that Benny Kid Paret, who got an unpopular 15-round nod over him at Madison Square Garden late in 1961, is champ in name only and that he, Emile, is the real champion. Turning pro in mid-1958, Griffith fought his way to the top by good, clean fisticuffing.

He captured the 147-pound crown via a 14-round KO over kingpin Paret. In their return tiff, Emile's loss of the contest and the title was highly controversial because, perhaps, Griffith's efforts were lackadaisical: while the Cuban waged a spirited battle—thus catching the fancy of the officials and was voted the winner.

The lad from the Virgin Islands, only 23, feels confident that he'll flatten Paret in their rubber match and regain the throne. A good boxer, solid hitter, his ring future is still ahead of him. He has been impatiently waiting for a return match with Paret, hoping to recapture the title he lost to Benny. Emile's chance will come on March 23.



Pascual Perez

PASCUAL PEREZ . . . won the world flyweight title three years after turning pro by beating Yoshio Shirai in 15 rounds at Tokyo, late in 1954. The little Argentino fought well and often—frequently defending his cherished crown.

In April, 1960, Perez lost a gruelling 15-rounder and his crown, to lanky Pone Kingpetch, in Bangkok. Six months later, in a return go, the Thailander put Pascual away in eight rounds. That failed to stop the ex-champ from continuing his career and winning fights. During 1961 the little chap triumphed in all his seven bouts by knockouts which appears encouraging.

But the nonentities Perez knocked over were probably mere stepping stones which may lead him toward another crack at the championship. However at 36, what with the wear-and-tear of many ring wars, Perez will find the going mighty rough and getting rougher with every battle.

HAROLD GOMES . . . is a veteran of ten years. He gave a good account of himself as a featherweight until in July, 1959, he acquired the NBA Junior lightweight tiara by outscoring Paul Jorgensen in 15 rounds. In March, the following year, Harold lost the bauble when Flash Elorde halted him in seven heats.

In an effort to regain it, he was starched in one round. At this writing, Gomes had not yet announced retirement from the ring, because, at 29, he probably feels that he can still make a success as a fighter—perhaps reach the top again.

During 1961, however, Gomes saw no ring action. He's still mulling over plans to return to boxing but there is doubt he'll do so. The passing of time without ring action has ruined many a great fighter.

DON JORDAN . . . was a better than fair boxer during the first half of his career. After six years of ring action he outboxed the rugged Virgil Akins in 15 rounds, relieving the latter of his newly acquired title. In a return encounter 4 months later, Don scored another victory.

A few months later he outboxed young Denny Moyer in 15 rounds, retaining his bauble. In December, 1959, Jordan beat Fernando Barreto. One week later, in Buenos Aires, he ran into a Tartar named Federico Thompson—and was flattened in 4 rounds.

In May, 1960, Don blew a non-title duke to unranked Candy McFarland. Eleven days later Benny Kid Paret took Jordan's title via a 15-round decision. The Californian kept fighting—with failures crowning his efforts. He lost all three bouts during 1961.

Jordan's chances of making a successful comeback seem nil. His speed and skill seem to have deserted him. His coordination and competitive spirit and punch have vanished. He has almost nothing left.

ALPHONSE HALIMI . . . engaged in almost 200 amateur contests, winning several titles, before turning pro in 1955. He won 19 straight, including his squabble with Mario D'Agata—whom he trounced in Paris, in April, 1957, winning the world bantamweight crown.

Less than two months later, Halimi was kayoed by Jimmy Carson in a non-title tiff. In November of that year, Alphonse beat Raton Macias in 15 rounds. He went undefeated in a half-dozen bouts, then, opposing Joe Becerra, in July, 1959, the Algerian-Jew was halted in 8 rounds, losing his crown.

In a return setto in February, 1960, the hard-punching Mexican stopped him in nine rounds. Undiscouraged, Halimi kept fighting, engaging in four more contests that year, winning two by knockouts. One of his kayo victims was Jimmy Carson. His fourth was Freddie Gilroy, from whom he snatched the European bantamweight title in 15 rounds.

Although Alphonse lost two of his four bouts during 1961, his chance of climbing back to the top is good. Only 30, he's strong, fast, a skillful boxer able to endure punishment. His courage and determination, during this year, should decide his future.

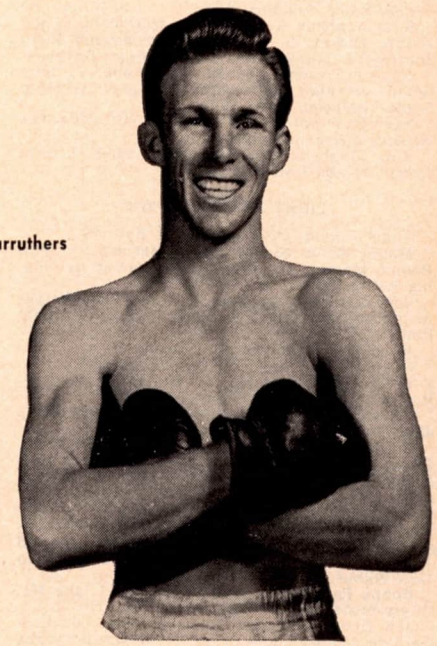
MARIO D'AGATA . . . began swapping blows for a living in 1950. The little fellow captured the Italian bantamweight championship three years later—winning on a foul.

In October, 1955, Mario acquired the vacant European 118-pound title, again winning on a foul. In June, 1956, the deaf-muted scrapper became world bantamweight champ by scoring a 6-round KO over Robert Cohen.

In April, 1957, D'Agata was deprived of his crown by Alphonse Halimi. The Italian tried to regain the European 118-pound title the following year, but failed.

In 1959, he lost both of his two contests. Mario engaged in one fight during 1960, and lost. In his lone, belated comeback try the following year, in October, he scored a one-round knockout over an unknown named Lazaro Ben Layesi.

Close to 36, D'Agata's chances of making a successful comeback—let alone reaching the top again, are slim. However, since he has not been seen in action around these parts and must therefore be judged according to his record, it can truly be stated that Mario was good in his prime. But, unquestionably, his prime is now behind him. He may beat so-so scrappers, but no top ranked men.



Jimmy Carruthers

JIMMY CARRUTHERS . . . started his pro career back in 1950 and went undefeated throughout his entire campaign, which lasted five years, then announced his retirement from boxing. In November, 1952, then full of fight, Jimmy knocked out Vic Toweel in one round and was crowned world bantamweight king.

In a return engagement, in March of the following year, it took Carruthers ten rounds to dispose of the South African boxer. Late that year Jimmy won a 15-rounder off Henry (Pappy) Gault. In March, 1954, he triumphed over Bobby Sinn in 12 heats.

About a month later, after successfully defending his laurels by outpointing Chemrern Songkitrat in 12 rounds, Carruthers declared that he was finished with the ring. And he kept his word—that is, for five years. Early in 1961 he took part in a fight, and lost it. He tried again late that year with same result.

An extremely late comeback try, with two losses in far-apart contests in the same year, clearly indicates that the Australian lacks the true comeback spirit. When ring rust sets in, it cannot be eliminated with a few uninspired efforts.

The truism, "They Never Come Back," will almost certainly prove true in the case of Jimmy Carruthers.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For The Month Ending January 23, 1962

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Alejandro Lavorante kayoed Von Clay, 2.
Cleveland Williams kayoed Jimmy Wiley, 1.
Franco DePiccoli stopped Uli Ritter, 4. Kirk Barrow defeated Leroy Green, 10. Mino Bozzano whipped Horst Niche, 10. Jean-Paul Schiller defeated Maurice Mols, 10.
Karl Mildenberger outpointed Pete Rademacher, 10.
Lars Norling won on a disqualification over Bonio Allevi, 2. Francis Magnetto kayoed Jean Huiban, 1. Tod Herring kayoed Elle Rogalle, 2, but lost to Alonzo Johnson, 10. Floyd Joyner kayoed Frank Williams, 3.
Billy Stephens stopped Willie McDonald, 6, and Jimmy Andres, 5. Chico Gardner kayoed Kunu Shurfoot, 1. Andre Muela stopped Hugh Davey, 4.
Johnny Prescott kayoed Fred Kaho, 2. John Gould defeated Roosevelt Jones, 6. Wilfredo Avellez defeated Artie Miller, 6.
Herb Siler won from Johnny Gould, 8. Otis Lee kayoed Sherman Goodman, 2.
Billy Stephens defeated Bobby Sand, 8. Tom Cummins won from Alex Rios, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Giulio Rinaldi stopped Helmut Ball, 10.
Mauro Mina kayoed Allan Harmon, 3, and Renato Moraes, 10. Allan then surprised by holding Henry Hank to a draw, 10.
Von Clay was stopped in 2, by heavyweight Alejandro Lavorante. Paul Roux stopped Germinal Ballarin, 13.
Bobo Olson whipped Artie Dixon, 10.
Gustav Scholz kayoed Nelis Oostrum, 6.
Bobo Olson defeated Al Williams, 10. Neal Rivers defeated Dean Bogany, 10.
Freddy Mack kayoed Ottavio Panunzi, 2. Ducky Dietz kayoed Joey White, 2.
Bobby Stininato defeated Chuck Garrett, 10. Dieter Wemhoener defeated Gerd Van Eyk, 8. Bob Nicholson whipped Brian Stannard, 8. Piero Tomasoni kayoed Hugo Koehler, 1.
Wladis Kopec and Erwin Hack, drew, 10. Mike Pusateri kayoed Willie Clemmons, 2. Rudi Nehring defeated Ivan Frebeg, 8. Junior Ray kayoed Johnny Gordon, 4. Johnny came back to stop Dick Wilbur, 4.
Bobby Pasquale kayoed Don Horn, 1. Joe McIntyre bested Lee Phillips, 6.
Joe Byron and Jim Johnson, drew, 6. Tom Gerarde kayoed Eddie Cross, 2. Herschell Jacobs whipped Felix Santaigo, 6. Ray Drayton kayoed Leroy Evans, 1, but lost to Sugar Ryan, 8.
Bobby Pasquale kayoed Frankie Rowe, 1. Clay Thomas outpointed Wilfredo Avellez, 8.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

British Empire champion Dick Tiger halted Florentino Fernandez, 6.
Henry Hank was held to a draw by light heavy Allan Harmon, 10.
Yama Bahama kayoed Don Carrano, 7.
Jimmy Ellis stopped Rory Calhoun, 1.
European champion John (Cowboy) McCormack retained his title outpointing Heini Freytag, 15. Heini had stopped Ossi Bochow, 5.
Del Flanagan outboxed Tommy Caldwell, 10. Charley (Tombstone) Smth halted Terry Smith, 7. Johnny Alford kayoed Johnny Tucker, 6.
Bob Stevens won the Belgian title whipping Richard Bouchez, 12. Victor Zalazar kayoed Hugo Danielli, 6. Blair Richardson kayoed Dick Verti, 1.
Jimmy Remson beat Sam Langford, 10. Mick Leahy outpointed Orlando Paso, 8.
Laszlo Papp kayoed Michel Francois, 2. Phil Edwards stopped Pat O'Grady, 5. Hans Wohlers won the vacant German title beating Manfred Hass, 12.
Duane Horsman whipped Eddie Simms, 10. Maurice Dori won the French title outpointing Jean Ruellet, 12. George Wright decisioned Randy Sandy, 10.
Joe Gonzalez whipped Kelvin Scott, 10. Gene Bryant kayoed Charlie Hall, 3, and Rudy Smith, 6. Tony Fortunato kayoed Frank Olivera, 1.
Ike White scored over Willie Davis, 8. Tito Velez and Johnny Torres, drew, 6. Al Levine whipped Lou Jenkins, 6.
Teddy Pagan defeated Tommy Settles, 6. Clarence Riley won from Ted Williams, 6. Larry Carney kayoed Duby Jose, 2.
Marty Feldman kayoed Duke Johnson, 1. Larry Carney kayoed Joe Arsenault, 2.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Emile Griffith edged out Isaac Logart, 10.
Ralph Dupas outpointed Virgil Akins, 10.
Duilio Loi stopped Gale Kerwin, 7.
Federico Thompson scored over Juan Carlos Ducay, 12.
Tony DeMarco kayoed Don Jordan, 2. Louis Folledo halted Nick Maric, 7, and defeated Georges Estatoff, 10.
Gaspar Ortega kayoed Charlie Wright, 3, but lost to Charley Scott, 10. Chivo Diaz kayoed Beto Gerardo, 4. Frankie Ramirez defeated Fidel Lucero, 10.
Chris Christensen stopped Bob Coffie, 7. Gildo Montoya beat Alfredo Cota, 10, Cota then was kayoed by Negro Veloz, 7.
Filo Ravalo won the Orient title by outpointing Kenji Fukuchi, 12. Sauveur Chiocca defeated Claude Saluden, 12. Henry Watson and Nolan Duplessis drew, 10. Nolan then was stopped by Earl Citizen, 7.
Luis Folledo stopped Vicente Ferrando, 9. Orlando de la Fuentes won over Al Grant, 8. Marshall Wells outpointed Vince Bonomo, 10. Tony Noriega stopped Walt Varez, 6.
Andre Davier defeated Michel Lombardet, 12. Texas Hurtado beat Chico Rodriguez, 10, but lost to Dave Cervantes, 10, while Chico won from Cisco Martinez, 10. Gomez DeSylva and Annibale Omodel, 10.
Cecil Mott halted Jimmy Walker, 4. Eddie Ludlow won from Bobby Allen, 6. Paul Christie kayoed Walter Giles, 5. Butch Mayes and Joe Hadcos, drew, 6.
Tony Mancini kayoed Fernando Barreto, 5. Alfred Parmeggiani outpointed Charley Douglas, 8. Rip Randell outscored Freddy Jackson, 8.
Johnny Kramer whipped Boswell St. Louis, 8. Arturo Macias kayoed Coyote Sarabia, 1. Bob Fosmire kayoed Johnny Cunningham, 1.
Willie James kayoed Ken Parker, 5. Gabe Terronez kayoed Joe White, 1. Dick Gilford stopped George Meaux, 5. Willie Mitchell defeated Johnny Gorman, 6.
Johnny Knight kayoed Willie Herbert, 3. Fred Butts stopped Harry Bellefonte, 5, and Bobby Allen, 3. Billy Bello whipped Tito Velez, 6.
Dick Turner defeated Harold Richardson, 6. Dick Pospisil upset Rocky Cartier, 6. George Briggs outscored Lash Sherman, 6.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Len Matthews was held to a draw by Eddie Armstrong, 10.
Bert Somodio kayoed Adisk Kwaengmechai, 3.
Giordano Campari outscored Tommy Tibbs, 10, and stopped Bob Belkheir, 10.
Manuel Alvarez outscored Vicente Derado, 10. Ray Nobile outscored Giorgio Teixeira, 10, and Renato Giacche, 10.
Jamie Gine beat Pedro Benelli, 10. Pedro also lost to Nicolino Loche, while Loche also beat Vicente Derado, 10. Kid Anahuac and Carlos Rios, drew, 9. Angel Garcia outscored Ahmed Lamione, 10.
Nicolas Sanchez outpointed Alex Arenas, 12. Sergio Gomez kayoed Ray Reyes, 8, and Joe Arias, 3. Mario Vecchiatto defeated Bobby Ros, 10.
Jim McCormack defeated Danny O'Brien, 8. Fernand Nollet bested Roger Younsi, 10. Anselmo Hernandez kayoed Ruben Cadena, 10. Ruben Rivera kayoed Gallito Reyes, 5, and Fidencio Ramirez, 7.
Vic Graffio kayoed Ollie Blackshear, 6, and Jose Alvarez, 3. Chihuahua Kid won from Tony Perez, 10. Willie Stevenson defeated J. D. Ellis, 8. Arnie Cotarobles defeated Chuck Flores, 8, and Frankie Soto, 8. Abel Laudonio kayoed Tereneio Gutierrez, 2, and Pedro Arias, 2.
Pollo Gabino whipped Hector Ramirez, 10, and Jose Yermen, 10. Teruo Kosaka stopped Baby Brown, 6.
Carlos Quiles outpointed Marcel Bizien, 8. Victorio Guzman beat Negro Flores, 8.
Tony Sanchez kayoed Adrian Kiriz, 1. Les McFadden defeated Larry Godih, 6. Jimmy Mackey stopped Chico Santos, 9.
Tommy Schaefer stopped Willie James, 5. Ed Carrington stopped Larry Mitchell, 3. Danny Brown halted Harold Mara, 4.
Willie Nix beat Rudy Richardson, 6. Henry Olea whipped Al Andrews, 8. Freddy McKay kayoed Angel Ayala, 5. Ricky Palmeri defeated Bobby Soares, 6.
Sylvan Carlin kayoed Willie Hicks, 2. Javier Ovalle kayoed Leon Amie, 3. Mike Cruz whipped Tony Tozzo, 6. Willie Castillo bested Ray Castro, 6.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Sugar Ramos suffered his first loss when he was disqualified in the fourth round against Rafael Camacho. Ramos then kayoed Eddie Garcia, 9.
British champion Howard Winstone defeated Oripos Dos Santos, 8.
Argentine champion Aldo Gamboa retained his title drawing with Roberto Palavecino, 12. Kid Irapuato upset Sugar Zatarain, 10.
Floyd Robertson and Billy Calvert, drew, 10. Billy also drew with Mick Greaves, 10. Efren Jimenez decisioned Teddy Rand, 10. Rand also lost on a disqualification to Ricardo Moreno, 5.
Mario Diaz defeated Felix Gutierrez, 10. Alberto Soto stopped Lauro Garcia, 8. Jose Lopez defeated Ernesto Beltran, 9. Hermelindo Mondragon stopped Max Huerta, 9. Jose Castellanos whipped Jose Luis Ramirez, 10.
Veeranid Chareumuang won the Orient title by stopping Army Wonder Boy, 4. Juan Ibares whipped Moi Torres, 10. Antonio Luis defeated Mario Sitri, 8. Jimmy George halted Bobby Herron, 10. Chilo Barranco defeated Ray Zamora, 10.
Rosendo Martinez beat Jose Aparicio, 8. Fili Nava was held to a draw by Pichi Martinez, 10. Pulga Serrano kayoed Jose Rivera, 4. Juan Sanchez kayoed Francisco Castaneda, 5. Gene Fosmire whipped Johnny Raven, 8.
George Colton kayoed Young Saint, 2. Jorge Ceja kayoed Julio Zuniga, 10. Pajaro Gonzalez beat Fernando Gomez, 10. Tsunetomi Miyamoto beat Winnie Rebolado, 10. Chilo Carranza kayoed George Rivera, 2, and bested Bobby Bell, 6.
Nick Nichols and Grady McLendon, drew, 6. Louie Perez stopped Al Miranda, 3. Carmelo Acevedo defeated Nino Marti, 6.
Dennis Adji kayoed Jimmy Carson, 2. Tony Herrera defeated Quan James, 8.
Benny Casing and Manny Linson, drew, 8. Gene Fosmire defeated Bobby Soares, 8. George Colton kayoed Tommy Freeman, 3.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

World Champion Eder Jofre retained his title kayoing Johnny Caldwell, 10.
European champion Pierre Cossemyns defeated Ugo Milan, 10.
Orient titleholder Kenji Yonekura retained his crown beating Marcing David, 12.
Ismael Laguna kayoed Eloy Sanchez, 3. Fighting Harada whipped Kozo Nagata, 10.
Ernesto Miranda outpointed Risto Luukkonen, 10, Michel Lamora, 10, and Henri Schmid, 10. Edmundo Esparza stopped Manny Elias, 6. Mitsunori Seki stopped Antonio Correa, 3.
Jorge Salazar kayoed Alex Jimenez, 7. Marcelino Diaz stopped Raton Perez, 7, and beat Jorge Aguilar, 10. Hector Agundez upset Carlos Hernandez, 10.
Ray Salazar defeated Chilo Carranza, 10.
Nacho Escalante defeated Miguel Paredes, 10, but lost to Humberto Barrera, 10. Chucho Tellez beat Adalberto Martinez, 10. Danny Valdez stopped Jorge Camacho, 6. Jean-Claude Leroy defeated Jean Leroux, 10, and Pierre Rossi, 10. Chamaco Ortiz defeated Baby Lizarraga, 8, and Luis Quijano, 6.
Memo Tellez defeated Chuy Guerrero, 10. Jose Luis Martinez defeated Jose Bisbal, 8. Luis Leija defeated Ladelado Perez, 10. Carlos Navarette bested Nacho Duran, 6. Dommy Balajadia kayoed Elino Figuerra, 5. Osito Galvan whipped Jamie Perez, 8.
Robert Truco kayoed Marco Lane, 5. Frankie Duarte and Roberto Luna, drew, 6. Umberto Barrera defeated Alberto Cortez, 8. Arcadio Medina beat Mosco Rodriguez, 8. Esteban Figueroa kayoed Toro Navarrete, 6.

FLYWEIGHTS

Sadao Yaoita stopped Haruo Sakamoto, 4.
South American champion Horaccio Accavallo outpointed Chucho Hernandez, 10.
Pascual Perez scored over Rodolfo Trivis, 10.
Spanish champion Raton Osuna retained his title drawing with Young Martin, 12, then was an upset winner over Mimun Ben Ali on a foul, 2. Ernesto Barrera defeated Carlos Gomez, 10. Antonio Paniagua stopped Chocolate Rodriguez, 6.
Vicente Garcia defeated Raton Mojica, 10. Raton also lost to Babe Lopez, 10. Marcel Juban defeated Romy Sisson, 10. Osito Galvan defeated Memo Vega, 10. Manuel Moreno defeated Pedro Carvajal, 10.
Jose Luis Dominguez defeated Marcelino Lorenzo, 10. Julio Romero decisioned Fidel Folch, 10. Gil Escobar won over Azabache Aguilar, 10, but lost to Gato Navarrete, 8.
Mario de Leon whipped Mauro Miranda, 10. Chabelo Mejia whipped Gabriel Beltran, 8. Sington Por Tor defeated Primo Famiro, 10.

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D'AMATO GENIUS OR ODDBALL?

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best of money. That always has been the name of the game, gentlemen.

Or have we forgotten Jack Dempsey meeting a washed-out, underweight Georges Carpentier in Jersey City and getting $300,000 for it? And Rocky Marciano going in with Don Cockell in San Francisco and getting $115,000? In fact, D'Amato never would have accepted anything as low as $115,000 for the Cockell match.

If all of this reads as if it is an accolade for D'Amato, you may be sure it is. This is an intense, white-haired guy who sleeps on a couch in an office on 53rd Street and Broadway. He gives away money as if he hates it. He insists his version of things is the only true one. Through his maneuverings around the first Johansson bout—which caused his suspension as a licensed manager and, for a good time, had Patterson standing away from him, Cus completely lost public opinion. His harrangues against racket guys became a bore.

But his fighter has the title. Frankie Carbo and Blinky Palermo have been convicted of a Federal crime and their trial showed they had every bit of power and influence that Cus always yelled they had.

By the time Patterson gets through flattening Liston—he is most certainly going to give Sonny a terrible beating in six or seven rounds, it says here—Cus's record may well be the finest of any fight manager we have had in the last 30 years.

D'AMATO WILL CONTINUE TO GET AWAY WITH IT

All of which is not going to change him. For Cus D'Amato mistrusts the world. And he will keep digging up Rademachers for just as long as the public and the Commissions are silly enough to tolerate the idea. Meanwhile, D'Amato also will carry on his one man battle against the American press.

There was the night, back in the Summer of 1960, when Cus was scheduled to sail for Europe. He does not fly and he and George Lattimore, his companion, and one of their boxers were leaving ahead of Patterson, who would fly several days later.

Cus was walking around his apartment, talking and waving his arms as usual when a visitor came in.

"Aren't you packed yet?" the guy said. *"The boat leaves in a couple of hours."*

"It leaves to-morrow," Cus said.

"You mean to-night," the guy said.

"The ticket says it leaves to-morrow," Cus insisted.

The guy picked up a copy of the New York Times, turned to its page of shipping news, and looked up the departure time for Cus' ship. The agate table said the ship was to sail at 12:01 A.M.

"That means to-night," the guy said.

"You got that out of the paper?" Cus said. *"How many times did I tell you not to believe anything you read in the newspapers!"*

Somehow, they got him on the ship. And somehow, out of all the yelling and the turmoil and the blasts at him, Cus D'Amato has managed to do one of the creditable managing jobs.

WITH OUR SERVICEMEN

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all four of his amateur bouts by kayos.

Willie Harris sent Tim Edwards down for the mandatory eight count in the third round on the way to a unanimous decision in the welterweight ranks. Big William Atkins decked Bill Feggans once in the third and went on to claim the fourth straight Otis win.

OTIS AFB, MASS.

Veteran welterweight Benjamin Burns easily defeated Sandor Lenhart, sending the Army challenger to the canvas three times and pounding him relentlessly with sharp left jabs. Burns has fought on the Air Defense Command team during the past two seasons.

Middleweight Henry Brown Jr., big winner on last year's Otis squad, ended the night's action with a third round knockout of Bob Dent, much to the approval of a standing-room-only crowd of more than 500. A strong right hand sent the loser down for the 10 count with only a second left in the bout.

After the card it was announced that the Otis team will compete in the Hamilton AFB, California, Interservice Invitational. Eight more cards remain on this season's schedule.

In a more recent show, the Otis boxing team staged a spectacular knockout exhibition at the Sports Arena here recently in its next to last home card of the season. The Cape Cod airmen had five bouts with Bridgewater Institute for Juvenile Guidance fighters and won them all—via the KO route.

McGuire AFB, N. J., which also was scheduled to participate, was forced to cancel out at the last minute.

Welterweight Orville Hogue started the bells ringing for Bridgewater when he slammed Jesse Silvester to the canvas at 1:50 of the third round. Middleweight Coston Stanford kept things rolling with a quick KO punch at 25 seconds of the 1st round to dispose of Bridgewater's Bob Gurley.

Otis welterweight Mariano Valasquez made short work of David Blake as he followed Stanford's cue and walloped the Bridgewater fighter to the floor at 1 minute of the initial chapter.

In a battle of big boys, Otis heavyweight Fred Nettles connected at 1:26 of the 2nd round with a blow that sent William Roise of Bridgewater to dreamland. John Moore, Otis middleweight, climaxed the show with another KO punch on the chin of Robert Dyer at 50 seconds of the 1st.

The card was a tuneup for service tournament action after the holidays.

FORT BENNING, GA.

Fort Benning's Boxing team will battle the Camp LeJeune, N.C., fighters at the Marine base this month.

Among the men making the trip will include five boxers who won championships in the 1961 Southern Silver Gloves Tournament at Jacksonville, Fla., over the Thanksgiving holidays.

They are PFC Douglas Johnson, featherweight champ; Sgt. Booker T. Anderson, middleweight champ; Pvt. Amos Crumbly, light-heavyweight winner in the novice class; SP4 (Specialist Fourth Class) Mel Lonas, light-heavyweight, open class champion, and PFC Leon Clark, heavyweight division winner. Other members of the post team will be: flyweight—SP4 Dezzo Petofi, lightweight—SP4 Amos Waterd, PFC James Harris and SP4 Robert Richter, welterweight—SP5 Fred Rutherford, Sgt. Howard Fields and PFC Charles Allen, light heavyweight—PFC William Burroughts, middleweight—PFC John Huntley, PFC Robert Simmons and Sgt. Leon Hall, and heavyweight—PFC Thomas Dawson and Sgt. Charles Garlington. Accompanying the team will be SFC Larry Jones and M-Sgt. John Rivolta, coaches, and SP4 Richard Edenfield, manager.

The results of these bouts will be in our next issue.

HOW IT BEGAN

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Fleischer decided to quit his newspaper job and concentrate on the magazine.

In 1930, shortly after Rickard's death, Dorgan left the Garden and retired to the simple life of a country squire on Long Island. He sold his interest in The Ring to Fleischer, and Nat then made a deal to become part of the vast McFadden Publications' organization. The arrangement didn't turn out satisfactorily to Fleischer, however, and after two years he parted company with the McFadden crowd. Since 1932 Nat has been in complete control of the magazine, as editor and publisher.

From what began, forty years ago, as strictly a local New York publication, The Ring continued to expand until it is now a world-wide institution, recognized universally as the No. 1 authority on international boxing, and with one of the largest circulations in the sports publishing field.

Happy anniversary!

THE MAT WORLD

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CHICAGO ACTION
By TOM LAUTERBACK

Promoter Fred Kohler finished out the '61 Chicago wrestling season with an all-star card featuring such top names as The Kangaroos, Vittorio Apollo, Bearcat Wright, and Antonino Rocca.

In the warm-ups, Miguel Torres was DQ'd for kicking local favorite Billy Goelz, 12:35; Jean Lane pinned Babe Bittner, 13:20; The Crusher won over "Haystacks" Calhoun as the latter could not re-enter the ring, 9:10; and "Argentina" Rocca won via a disqualification from Bob Orton.

In a double windup, The Fabulous Kangaroos took the second and third falls from Bruno Sammartino and Vittorio Apollo, and the team of Bearcat Wright, Art Thomas, and Sweet Daddy Siki took 2 straight from the Japanese team of Baba The Giant, The Great Togo, and Mr. Sato.

ST. LOUIS WRESTLING
By LARRY MATYSIK

The sensational John Paul Henning, Pat O'Connor, huge Don Leo Jonothan, and rugged Buddy "Killer" Austin, highlighted a successful year, at Kiel Auditorium.

The first Kiel card of the month drew only 5,783 fans due to five inches of snow along with freezing rain. It's a shame not more fans came, because this was one of the best cards of the year, featuring a double windup.

In the first main event, popular John Paul Henning battled 293-pound Don Leo Jonothan to a wild no-contest. Jonothan had a sixty pound weight advantage and was very dirty, but Henning countered every move the Mormon Mauler made. Finally the bout developed into a slugging match and the referee was flattened. Two former wrestlers, Bobby Bruns and Joe Millich, referee Joe Schoenberger, and two seconds broke up the wild fray.

In the final main event, referee Charlie Vernator goofed, but U.S. Champion Pat O'Connor held on to his crown against tough Buddy "Killer" Austin. The match was going O'Connor's way when he tried a reverse cradle and Austin held onto the ropes and O'Connor's arms at the same time. Vernator counted Pat out, and disqualified him. State Commissioner Charles Pian climbed into the ring and told Vernator what had happened so the bout continued. O'Connor knocked Austin out of the ring. As Buddy crawled up on the apron, O'Connor hit him with the most powerful drop kick this writer has ever seen and knocked Austin into the seats. Buddy was hurt and couldn't get into the ring before twenty seconds were up.

MIDWEST WRESTLING NEWS
By JIM GRAMBIRE

Art Neilson of the famed Neilson Brothers suffered a knife wound which required fifty-two stitches to close in a South Bend, Indiana match . . . New wrestling magazine in print first issue December 1961 called "Big Time Wrestling" published by Ralph Olds Publications, 2945 Ruckle Street, Indianapolis, Indiana—Len Russell being editor of that magazine.

The Scufflin Hillbillys have returned to Indianapolis area—their opponents are so confused by their antics that the Hillbillys usually come out the victors . . . Bill Melby also is wrestling in the Indianapolis area, and has a great winning streak.

Dick the Bruiser and Fritz Von Eric at each others throats in Detroit match. Walter Moore, long time promoter in Akron, Ohio, now promoting in Toledo, Ohio had the Neilson Brothers against the Weaver Brothers in a recent bout. Neilson's being the victors . . . Al Haft of Columbus, Ohio, now promoting weekly matches in Charleston, West Virginia at the American Legion Hall. Wrestling doing great in Huntington, West Virginia, at the Field House. Balk Estes of Indianapolis being the promoter there.

MINNESOTA WRESTLING NEWS
By NORMAN H. KIETZER

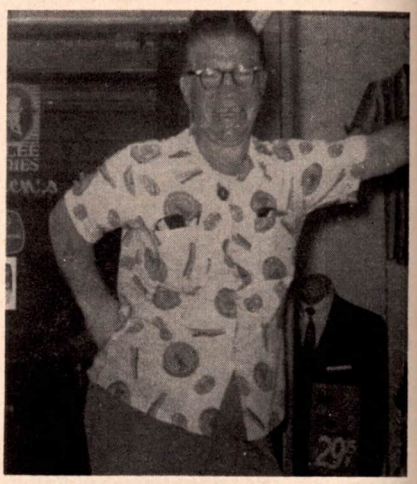
The Mysterious Mr. 'M' is the hottest attraction in the twin cities right now. The masked man has compiled a record of 18 victories and no defeats since he came to Minnesota. He now holds a version of the United States heavyweight championship and he is the No. 1 contender for the Worlds' crown which Verne Gagne holds. Mr. 'M' is offering $1,000 to anyone who can pin him within 20 minutes.

In a recent Minneapolis auditorium card, Mr. 'M' defeated Hard Boiled Haggerty in a one fall match to gain his 16th straight victory. On the same card, Karl Krauser defeated Ernie Dusek, Dale Lewis and Pat Kennedy teamed to take 2 out of 3 falls from Bob Geigel and Frank Marconi, and Otto von Krupp defeated Maurice LaPointe.

MAT NEWS FROM CENTRAL OHIO
By HARRY R. BELL

Due to the holiday season layoff, and the injury of Steve Stanlee, forcing the postponement of one card, only two wrestling shows have been given in Columbus this past month. Promoter Al Haft, however, has promised some big name attractions in the next few months and all the fans are looking forward to a big season.

The recent match between Don Curtis and Magnificent Maurice had a disappointing ending when, after securing a fall each, the wrestlers began battling outside the ropes, causing the referee to declare the bout "no contest." The fighting took place upon the ring apron, offering no danger to the audience, and the men returned to the ring at the count of twenty-one. This verdict was no satisfaction either to wrestlers or the customers.



Gene Gordon of Charlotte, North Carolina, a Ring Magazine correspondent, who with his candid camera and typewriter has been doing yoeman service for wrestling fans.

SPOT THE GOOFS ANSWERS

1. New York has given birth to the most champions but the number born in New York is thirty seven not thirty six.
2. Yes, they did. Beau Jack, Lew Jenkins and Freddy Walsh were their fighting names.
3. No, Jeff Clarke was known as the "Joplin Ghost."
4. Correct, Mace fought for thirty six years.
5. Yes they did.
6. Donovan holds the record but it is fourteen, not sixteen.
7. Twenty one main bouts are a Garden record, but it is Beau Jack who holds it.
8. Correct.
9. The Willie Pep-Chalky Wright featherweight fight on September 29, 1944, was the first.
10. No, Britton knocked out Lewis in nine rounds on March 17, 1919, in Canton, Ohio. All the rest of their meetings went the limit.
11. Yes, Carnera was the heaviest challenger for a heavyweight world title. He weighed 260½ pounds in his June 29, 1933 fight with Jack Sharkey in which he won the crown by knocking out the sailor in six rounds, at Long Island City.
12. Wrong, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien weighed 153 pounds against Tommy Burns when they fought a draw in Los Angeles, California on November 28, 1906.

MATCHMAKERS CHALLENGED

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would Howard against European titleholder Gracioux Lamperti of France.

In Los Angeles, Mexico's new champion Lalo Guerrero against Danny Valdez would assure a good gate.

With the Eder Jofre-Johnny Caldwell bout out of the way, the rest of the bantamweight division must wait a return bout. Los Angeles has a natural in a Herman Marques-Joe Medel bout, with the winner promised the champion.

Although Caldwell was turned back by Jofre, a match in London with European titleholder Pierre Cossemyns of Belgium, would be a magnetic attraction. Pierre and Alphonse Halimi, either in Paris or Brussels, also offers itself.

The flyweights have fine local matches in Japan—Fighting Harada against Sadao Yaoita, or either with Kyo Noguchi is a must.

A European title fight between Salvatore Burruni, of Italy, the champion, and Mimun Ben Ali of Spain, or a rematch of the Pascual Perez-Ramon Arias fight in South America, are top attractions. If Burruni wants to step up to face bantam Piero Rollo, this all-Italian contest would pack them in. Another Italian who would be an ideal foe for either is the former bantam champion Mario D'Agata now on a comeback.

World champion Pone Kingpetch will draw in any title match. In his countryman Chartchai Lampafha he has a real challenger who by the summer could well be ready. In Thailand, where boxing has become almost a way of life, a championship between two locals would be a holiday occasion that could produce a box office record.

In Australia, they have no top international attractions but many local matches that can draw good box office. American featherweight Don Johnson paired against Wally Taylor appears to be the best of the lot.

All over the world there are many matches that can help put boxing back on top of the sports industry. The material is there. Let's use it, wisely.

JOFRE SETTLES BANTAM DISPUTE

By

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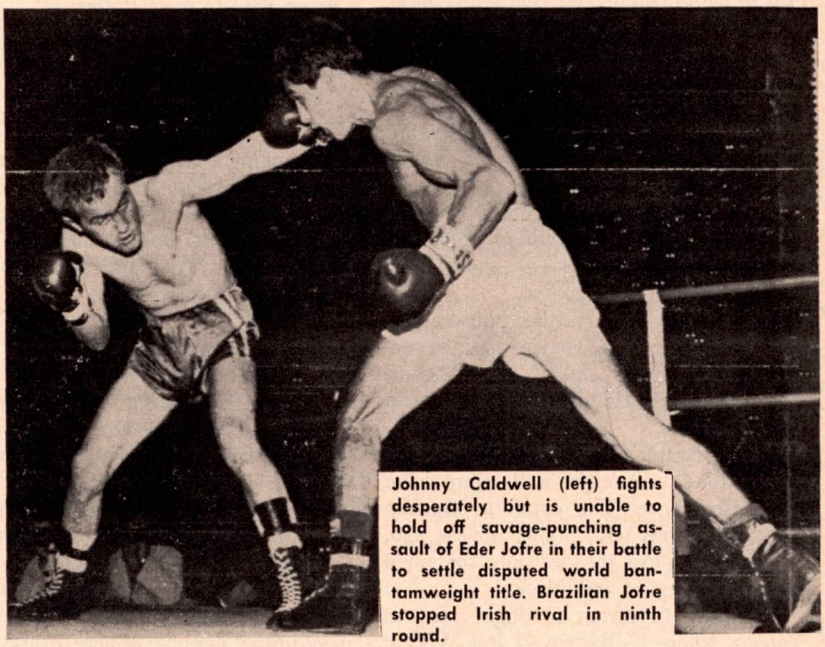

Johnny Caldwell (left) fights desperately but is unable to hold off savage-punching assault of Eder Jofre in their battle to settle disputed world bantamweight title. Brazilian Jofre stopped Irish rival in ninth round.

SAO PAULO, Brazil (Special to The Ring)—It's now one down and two to go in settling world championship disputes.

With Eder Jofre's decisive victory over Johnny Caldwell in their showdown for the bantamweight laurels, the light-heavyweight and middleweight squabbles still remain to be cleared up, and indications are they will be before 1961 runs its allotted course.

There was no gainsaying Jofre's superiority over Caldwell in this meeting of two previously unbeaten title claimants. Recognized as world champion by The Ring and the National Boxing Association, the shifty, sharpshooting 25-year-old Brazilian outclassed his 24-year-old rival, who had been accepted as title-holder by the European Boxing Union.

After the first round, credited to Caldwell, Jofre was complete master of operations. Eder's stinging left jabs and jolting left hooks were too much for his Irish rival. In the third round he drew blood from Caldwell's nose, and in the fifth round he sent the Irishman toppling to the canvas for the count of three. From then on it was a question only of how long Caldwell would be able to last. The gritty little Irishman fought back stubbornly but could not match the Brazilian's speed and accurate punching.

By the tenth round Caldwell was hopelessly beaten. Toward the end of the round he was dropped again, this time for nine, and was reeling helplessly when his manager, Sammy Docherty, jumped into the ring, stopping the bout with fifteen seconds of the round remaining.

The bout, refereed by former world featherweight champion Willie Pep attracted a sellout crowd of 20,000 to the Ibirapuera Stadium, the largest indoor attendance in South American boxing history. Thousands of others were unable to gain admittance, and police were needed to drive back the mob struggling to get into the arena. The receipts were tentatively announced as $60,000, a record gate for Brazilian boxing.

LISTON NO!

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of the small clubs.

"The Commissions and the NBA should do what they can to stimulate boxing at the lower level," said Dempsey. *"This can be done only by getting the small clubs open, and the commissions can help.*

"One way is to cut down on official fees. A referee is all that is needed to give a decision. Reduce operating costs, and eliminate politics, and the little clubs would have a chance to get started."

The Liston-Patterson fight is something else again. It is big business, and it is regretable, as Dempsey sees it, that Sonny's record has created obstacles. The objections are based on his police record, and the suspicion that he has not freed himself of the mob influence revealed by the Kefauver investigation.

"I am concerned with Liston's ring record," said Dempsey. *"How many fights did he have last year? Two possibly three. You wouldn't call his one round knockout of Alfred Westphal a fight. I know he knocked out Howard King in Miami Beach.*

"Victories over King and Westphal don't qualify Liston as the outstanding challenger. For over a year he hasn't fought a first flight opponent. Let him try to do something in the ring, and if he does, put him in with the champion. Then the promoters and the TV people would have something to offer the public."

Archie Moore and Harold Johnson both want to fight Liston. They're light-heavyweights but highly skilled, and Ancient Arch can punch. He had Rocky Marciano on the canvas.

Liston could fight Eddie Machen a second time, and might well improve on his performance. The cautious Machen went 12 rounds with Sonny a year ago, and while he lost the decision, remained on his feet and in one piece.

Dempsey followed a rough road to Toledo, where he destroyed Jess Willard to become world heavyweight champion. As a contender he knocked out Fred Fulton, Bill Brennan, Battling Levinsky and Gunboat Smith.

Patterson feels that a year lay-off between fights detracts from his skills, and this is true. Dempsey, involved in a legal battle with Jack Kearns, his manager, was idle for three years before he fought Tunney the first time. He lost the title.

May be he would have lost anyway, but he was also out of action for two years between the Carpentier and Tommy Gibbons fight. By retreating Gibbons stayed the 15 rounds. Two months later Jack scored his sensational two round knockout over Firpo.

Dempsey's career was not without controversy. Harry Wills challenged in vain, but politics played a part there, and Rickard feared a revival of racial tensions, similar to those that prevailed when Jack Johnson was champion.

Wills never got the chance he deserved. Liston may not get his, though for different reasons.

A fighter should work at his trade, and Patterson, like Dempsey before him, is in a difficult position. There just isn't a worthwhile opponent for the champion to fight. Looking back Brian London, the British heavyweight, had little to offer. Bouts with such as Peter Rademacher, the amateur, cheapened the title.

Now Patterson is in the position where if he doesn't, or can't fight Liston, he should wait for a worthwhile challenger—perhaps Cassius Clay—to develop.

Gen. Melvin L. Krulewitch, New York Commission chairman, has not commited himself, and won't until either Liston applies for a license, or some promoter asks approval of a Patterson-Liston fight.

NBA president Larson wants Liston to fight a ranking contender before getting a green light to meet Patterson.

Dempsey says, *"Let Liston first get a reputation—both in and out of the ring."*

RAY ROBINSON

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made boxing a million dollar business, his colorfully ferocious style of fighting fascinated the public, turning the glove game into a golconda during the post World War I period. To many he remains the "champion of champions" to this very day.

Gene Tunney, eventual conqueror of Dempsey, finds his fistic as well as his fiscal prestige advancing with each passing year. Whether this is due to the aphorism voiced by fight manager-philosopher Eddie Walker, years ago that, *"Money makes anybody greater,"* or the growing realization that Tunney may have had the style to beat Dempsey at any time is a matter of opinion. At any rate, more and more students of ring affairs are coming around to old-time Tunney-attache Jimmy Bronson's idea that Tunney quit fighting short of his peak, and he could have gone on to gain ranking in a class by himself. Praise for Gene came from an unusual—but competent quarter—some time ago when astute George Gainford, after first admitting little personal affection for Tunney, conceded that in his opinion, of all the heavyweight champions familiar to him Tunney would have been the best bet to beat Rocky Marciano. *"I don't care too much for Tunney,"* admitted big George, *"but he had the style, the brains, the stamina and condition to give Rocky Marciano more trouble than any of the other champs."*

While it may be somewhat difficult to award Tunney top position on the strength of but two defenses of his title—against Dempsey and Tom Heeney—there is no disputing his right to be acclaimed the outstanding boxer of the century for post-career achievement in the business world.

Among fighters active since 1922, Joe Louis belongs in his own category. Joe was a social force; he changed the thinking of a nation. Today Negro athletes in all sports revel in a freedom of participation which was unknown before his time. While there have been other factors operative in this sociological upheaval, the career of Joe Louis contributed mightily to this new enlightenment; no single individual was more responsible for the breakdown of long standing barriers. Notably, the "color line" in organized baseball, where both Branch Rickey and Jackie Robinson freely admit that the example of Joe Louis made their task so much easier.

While possessing his share of human imperfections, the public accounted them minor as it paid homage to Louis for his unswervingly genteel behaviour, commendable war service, and amazing record as world's champion. Louis' financial affairs, in reverse ratio to the esteem brought Tunney by success, have tended to obscure his great feats in the ring in the minds of the present generation.

Children of his heyday grew to manhood knowing no other world's heavyweight champion; he held the title longer than anyone else, eleven years, defended it more times than anyone else 26, and took on all comers. A facet of his career startling in its merit, is Louis' stunt of knocking out two ex-heavyweight champions Primo Carnera and Max Baer in 1935, less than two years after he fought his first professional fight!

As a two handed power hitter he was in a class by himself—a sparmate once called his left jab as powerful as a good puncher's right cross—not for nothing was he called the "Brown Bomber." Yet he had a flaw which he never fully overcame, he could be hit with a right hand, but for this there would have been little question as to his rating as the peer of all heavyweight champions. In spite of this weakness, this stature is still accorded him by many, writer Jimmy Cannon being the most vocal in this assertion.

His unfortunate comeback, attempted against the well meaning advice of his friends, is invariably discounted by fistic appraisers.

Only one champion in the history of the modern ring has a record clear of defeat, that is Rocky Marciano, and that is sufficient to make his consideration as the top performer of all logical, if not unanimous. Marciano accomplished what he did in the face of formidable handicaps, a very late start, and a natural ungainliness, both of which he overcame by the most intense dedication to fighting ever displayed by anyone; with an assist from

manager Al Weill in a most cannily contrived campaign of opponent selection.

No fighter was ever more meticulously matched than the "Brockton Blockbuster" while on the way up. This, plus the fact, that trainer Charley Goldman had the good sense not to impair Rocky's raw power by diluting it with anything remotely resembling ring finesse or refinement. His awkwardness eventually complemented his numbing punches, with an unorthodox defense, this, coupled with boundless stamina, courage, determination, strength, and incredible condition paid off with a history of 49 fights with 45 knockouts, minus any loss or draw.

Most of the belittlement of Marciano's unbeaten record centers on the ages of his most noted foes. Critics point out that Lee Savold, Louis, Archie Moore, Jersey Joe Walcott and Ezzard Charles were verging on middle age, their best years just a memory, when the New Englander got around to them. This, however was no fault of Rocky's, who never said "No" to any challenger.

So much for the bigger pretenders to pre-eminence among fighters of the past forty years. Besides Leonard—Harry Greb, Mickey Walker, Henry Armstrong, and Willie Pep are prominent nominees for this stratospheric status.

Former fighter and present historian Packey O'Gatty recalls that Harry Greb once toured with burlesque shows, billed as "The Marvel of the Ring." No fighter ever deserved the description more. Although he was most impressive as a light-heavyweight, Greb could make the middleweight limit handily, and if considered as such, is a solid contender for the title "Greatest Fighter of the past Forty Years." In fourteen years in the ring Greb fought more than 250 times against opponents in every class from welterweight to heavyweight. He feared nobody, a whirlwind fighter, he set a terrific pace from bell to bell, often with little regard for the Marquis of Queensberry. Inside of a year—although only a middleweight—he beat heavyweight contender Tommy Gibbons, handed Gene Tunney his only defeat winning the American light heavyweight title in the process, then "windmilled" Tommy Loughran all over the old Madison Sq. Garden ring in defense of it. The match in which he lost the U.S. crown to Tunney on Dec. 10, 1923, caused wide dissatisfaction with the decision going to Gene.

It is doubtful that any middleweight, Sugar Ray included, could have duplicated these feats against heavier men of such calibre. Greb was such a phenomenal fighter, his challenge to Dempsey was taken seriously, many still claiming Jack Doc Kearns, Dempsey's pilot, feared the "Pittsburgh Windmill."

Mickey Walker, no bigger than Greb, like him showed an astonishing ability to compete against bigger men. Winner of both the welter and middleweight championships, the "Toy Bulldog" never weighing any more than 170 lbs. and only 5 feet 7 inches tall, defeated heavies of the calibre of Paolino Uzcudun, Johnny Risko and King Levinsky—no setups at the time he met them—and boxed a draw with big Jack Sharkey. One wonders if Sugar Ray could have played the part of David against these ring Goliaths with such success.

Still, both Greb and Walker ran into plenty of trouble against men their own size. Mike McTigue, Jeff Smith, Tiger Flowers, welterweight Soldier Bartfield, Mike Gibbons and Mike O'Dowd, repeatedly fought Greb on at least even terms, Walker never established any clear superiority over middleweight Dave Shade, few agreed with the decision that deprived Flowers of his title when he met Mickey, and Ace Hudkins and Joe Dundee were other small men who proved tough problems for Mickey.

The late Hype Igoe once wrote that at his peak "Hammering Henry" Armstrong would have beaten anybody at or around his weight. Armstrong's attack was unstoppable, maintained old Hypus, and his whirlwind offense would have blasted through the cleverest of defenses. Two years ago, sportswriter Jimmy Powers in the N. Y. Daily News, attempted to prove that Armstrong was the greatest Negro fighter of all time—no small honor—by analyzing his career in comparison with others. Outside the realm of conjecture and looming large on the factual horizon are the three world's championships won and held by Henry Armstrong simultaneously, in the featherweight, lightweight and welterweight classes, an achievement unequalled by any boxer since the sport began and one doubtlessly beyond the reach of any fighter of the future.

Sugar Ray has been quoted as naming Willie Pep the greatest boxer of his time, puissant praise from one master to another. Certainly at his best and before his serious airplane accident, wispy Willie has mastered techniques of clever boxing rarely seen before or since. Performing with blinding speed and coordination, Pep at times seemed to be moving in two directions at once as his lightning like thrusts at his opponents came from everywhere. Endowed with inhuman quickness of eye and reflex, Willie, before his style became tainted by unbecoming tactics, and tarnished by the passing of time, was the epitome of boxing brilliance at its best. Some detractors have deprecated the quality of his opposition, but he outclassed the field by such overwhelming margins, it was obvious that at any period in ring history he would have been a wonder.

Worthy of inclusion in the minds of many no doubt as candidates for top fighter since 1922 are such idols as Tony Canzoneri, Jimmy M'Larnin and flyweight Pancho Villa. Canzoneri, champion in two divisions, featherweight and lightweight, great boxer, sharp hitter and valiant warrior was indeed a wonderful fighter but was plagued with inconsistency throughout his career, losing often to fighters whom a great boxer such as he should have handled easily, Harry Dublinsky, Johnny Jadick, Wesley Ramey, Andre Routis, Chuck Woods and Sammy Fuller, all Canzoneri victors, were good fighters but not of the class to have beaten an aspirant for top honors of the past forty years.

Jimmy M'Larnin, likewise a great public hero, conqueror of thirteen champions in classes from flyweight to welterweight, combined power punching with shrewd boxing and heart to a remarkable degree, but the weight edges Jimmy enjoyed were too frequent to permit him a pre-eminent position.

Villa, greatest of the oriental fighters, was a genuine pugilistic prodigy who not only won the flyweight championship, but buzz-sawed his way through the ranks of the best bantamweights of his time. But he could not beat Frankie Genaro, who had the answer to his rapid fire punching.

Billy Conn performed miracles with cleverness alone, in Conn's case reinforced with a deceptive ruggedness, but lacking a punch he failed in comparison with Jack Delaney for instance, on a par with him for skill and at the same time also possessing a knockout wallop.

The late Jess M'Mahon, long time sports promoter, always insisted that had Cuban Kid Chocolate, best of the Latin-American fighters, taken proper care of himself he would have become the best little man of all time.

Horse races are not the only things created by differences of opinion, and fight people, aficionados, and Ring readers are both welcome and entitled to their own designations as the greatest fighter of the past forty years. They can if they choose use Sugar Ray Robinson as the model in comparing their candidates. They will find him hard to beat.

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40 YEARS

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the most productive period from the standpoint of public interest in boxing, top ringmen, thrilling engagements and attendances throughout the country. It is that period during which I saw the best fights, made the acquaintance of the most colorful characters in the sport and noted boxing's greatest advancement.

Jack Dempsey and Jack Kearns, his manager, with Tex Rickard, the promoter, dominated the field. Even after he had lost the heavyweight title to Gene Tunney, Dempsey remained the Idol of Fistiana.

Vivid through the years are the recollections of the Manassa Mauler, whose rip-roaring style and power-thudded fists made possible the million dollar gates. No fighter during my long association with sports, not even Joe Louis at his best, succeeded so completely in capturing and holding the imagination of the fight fans as did Dempsey. His fight with Firpo rates with me the most sensational heavyweight bout in the four decades of this publication.

Dempsey thrilled the public to the end of his career. A year after he was dethroned by Tunney in a driving rainstorm in the Sesquicentennial Stadium of Philadelphia, he made his last appearance as a big time competitor at Soldier's Field, Chicago, where he again faced Gene. That day Soldier's Field was the scene of the most discussed heavyweight bout since Corbett shocked the fistic world by stopping the colorful John L. Sullivan.

The Battle of the Long Count! Who can forget that controversial bout?

Decisively beaten though he was, the full measure of that defeat was all but forgotten in the excitement of the eighth round when Manassa Jack battered Tunney to the canvas. But Dempsey lost his chance to become the first to regain the world heavyweight title when the "long count" was given to Gene by Referee Dave Barry because Dempsey refused to obey Dave's order to go to a neutral corner.

More recollections — The Prohibition era and its influence on boxing through the influx of unsavory characters who had made fortunes through bootlegging. The rise of gangsters as managers began with that period. Among the hoodlums controlling most of the top men in boxing were Al Capone, Bill Duffy, Boo Boo Hoff, Owney Madden, Vannie Higgins, Marty Krompier, Mad Dog Coll, Big Frenchie—they were the big shots behind matchmaking and I knew them all. They either made forced purchases or muscled in on ownership of talent or clubs. . . .

Personalities of the '20s and '30s—Harry Greb, the Pittsburgh Windmill, one of the most remarkable fistic characters in the last half-century. A ring marvel whose fights in the middleweight, light heavyweight and heavyweight divisions were frequent and most successful. A gay, care-free Lothario who loved life, played it fast and loose and fought 'em all regardless of size or weight. His great battle with Mickey Walker, a much-discussed affair, fought and refought many times, figured prominently in the ring battles of the nineteen-twenties. . . .

And the Walker-Schmeling bout in which Mickey took a severe shellacking, was knocked out in the eighth round and stood in his corner weeping like a babe. . . .

Memories—of unforgettable contests in which Ruby Goldstein, Ace Hudkins, Sid Terris, Billy Petrolle, Ray Miller, Charley White, Jimmy McLarnin, Lew Ambers, Tony Canzoneri, Barney Ross, Jackie Kid Berg, Bud Taylor, Kid Chocolate, Al Singer, Joe Glick, figured during part of the first and most of the second decade in the life of "The Ring."

Recollections . . . of the amazing Mike Gibbons, the St. Paul Phantom, the night that he tossed gloves from all angles at Augie Ratner at Dyckman Oval, a performance that caused Augie to remark to Doc Bagley, his manager: *"Doc, after this, match me with one guy at a time."* . . .

The night that Bill Brown, New York's Boxing Commissioner, rushed to the ringside after the fight between Tommy Loughran and Ray Impellitiere had been awarded to Ray following physical shock suffered by Loughran, and ordered referee Pete Hartley to have the boxers resume action. Brown's reversal of the decision, insisting the fight must go on, the first under N.Y. Commission regulations, caused a riot at the Starlight Park Stadium but saved the day for Tommy, who, regaining his senses, carried on to win the decision. . . .

And the fight five years before that, when Loughran, wandering around the ring, his senses dulled by the fists of Leo Lomski who had dropped him, made a thrilling comeback to win the decision. . . .

The sensational battle between Justo Suarez of Chile and Billy Petrolle in 1931, a vicious, bloody affair during which the scathing remarks of Manager Jack Hurley caused Petrolle to go all out in the ninth round and knock out his opponent. It was Billy's greatest battle in a long career against top lightweights and welters. . . .

The Carnival of Champions—the first such boxing show since that in New Orleans when three title matches were staged on successive nights, winding up with one in which Corbett won the heavyweight title from John L. Sullivan.

Lou Ambers defeated Pedro Montanez to retain his lightweight crown; Barney Ross held on to his welter title by defeating Ceferino Garcia; Fred Apostoli knocked out Marcel Thil, European champion in the tenth round only to be deprived of the title because Gen. Phelan of the New York Commission refused to recognize the fight as a championship match and Sixto Escobar lost his bantam title to Harry Jeffra. . . .

The passing of Tex Rickard brought into boxing his silent partner, Mike Jacobs, the theatre ticket agent who was a shrewd manipulator but knew little about promotion. It didn't take him long to learn. He surrounded himself with Damon Runyon, Bill Farnsworth and Ed Frayne, three of Mrs. Hearst's aides in the promotion of the Milk and Christmas Fund fights and through them, "Uncle Mike" worked himself into a position as the world's foremost boxing promoter. I recall the day that through my efforts he signed the first contract for paid ringside radio, with Adam Hats as the sponsor. Today the fee Mike received for each fight would be less than half the fee received by the Garden for television. . . .

I also vividly recall the making of the first championship match Jacobs arranged, one that enabled him to sign a contract with the Garden that gave him a fifty percent interest in all Garden fights. It was the bout between Henry Armstrong and Petey Sarron for the featherweight crown. I was instrumental in making it.

It was the beginning of a bonanza for Jacobs. That fight ended in the first of three world titles Hammerin' Hank won and began a string of world title contests under Jacobs' control that didn't end until the retirement of the great Joe Louis in 1949 and the formation of a new organization that brought boxing control in the hands of Jim Norris.

The second and third decade of the four in "The Ring's" life saw the rise of such fistic stars as Tony Canzoneri, Jimmy McLarnin, Barney Ross, Lew Ambers, Lew Jenkins, Bob Montgomery, Beau Jack, Ike Williams, Fritzie Zivic, Kid Gavilan, Harry Jeffra, Chalky Wright, Pete Scalzo, Lou Salica, and Sixto Escobar. They each engaged in thrilling encounters and kept the lower divisions alive, bouts that stand out vividly in reminiscenses. . . .

The War years were those in which Joe Louis stood out prominently. He was the mainstay of international boxing. Each of his fights had a never-to-be-forgotten phase. Two in particular stand out. One was the night he fought Billy Conn and was losing his title going into the 13th round.

"Chappie," said Jack Blackburn, his trainer, *"you know you're losing your title. You gotta knock him out now."*

That round ended the fight—Joe did what Blackburn had requested.

Then there was the fight with Tami Mauriello. We kidded Joe about taking on the little fat man. *"It's his funeral, not mine,"* replied Joe. *"He wanted it."*

But seconds later, after the fight had gotten under way, it looked like Louis' funeral, not Tami's. The latter sneaked

over a haymaker that sent Joe reeling across the ring. Instead of following up his advantage with good chances of scoring a knockout, Mauriello stood against the ropes flabbergasted at what he had done. While referee Arthur Donovan kept his eyes on Tami, Joe recovered. He then took no chances and put Mauriello away with the next few punches. . . .

More recollections . . . Louis' thrilling bout with Jersey Joe Walcott, a most controversial one—did he or did he not win from Jersey Joe? Neither Louis nor the Garden throng or those who watched the fight on TV thought the Bomber was entitled to the split decision following his knockdowns by Walcott. Louis was ready to concede defeat as he tried to get out of the ring before the verdict was announced and was as much astonished at the decision as were spectators and reporters. Then came the return bout and Louis stopped Walcott in the eleventh round to prove he was the master. . . .

Down Memory Lane we wander . . . There's "The Battle of the Typhoon" in Bangkok. I'll never forget that one. Sitting at the ringside with raincoat and cap borrowed from a police lieutenant; drenched by a wind-blowing torrent, watching Jimmy Carruthers of Australia, and Chamrern Songkitrat of Thailand battling away in bare feet and rain-soaked gloves for twelve rounds for the world bantamweight championship; two women seconds handling the corner of the champion; eight ushers rushing into the ring at the end of each round to sweep away inches of water and the broken globes that crashed to the floor with each gust. . . .

With the rise of home television, the curtailment of small clubs and the subsequent loss of new talent, boxing took a big drop in the period between 1952 and the end of the fourth decade. With that, boxing also suffered through the rise of hoodlum control of matchmaking and boxers and the subsequent Federal and several state investigations that resulted in a partial cleanup, with the leaders, Frankie Carbo, Blinky Palermo and their aides, convicted and sentenced to long prison terms.

More recollections . . . The outstanding performers in that decade . . . Ray Robinson, Willie Pep, Carmen Basilio, Gene Fullmer, Gil Turner, Rocky Marciano, Sandy Saddler, Archie Moore, Pascual Perez, Davey Moore, Joey Brown, Jimmy Carter, Eder Jofre, Dave Charnley, Alphonse Halimi, Yoshai Shirai and Pascual Perez. . . .

The predominant personality following Dempsey's retirement—Joe Louis. . . .

The toughest fighters . . . Rocky Graziano and Tony Zale. Their "Pier Six" brawls were reminders of the old bare-knuckle fights—amazing in damage done and for gameness. . . .

The cleverest in the last forty years . . . Tommy Loughran, Gene Tunney, Willie Pep, Ray Robinson, Mike Gibbons, and Benny Leonard. . . .

The outstanding pugilists who kept boxing in the spotlight—Jack Dempsey, Gene Tunney, Joe Louis, Max Baer, Jimmy Braddock, Max Schmeling, Mickey Walker, Rocky Marciano, Benny Leonard, Johnny Dundee, Pancho Villa, Louis Kid Kaplan, Willie Pep, Packey McFarland, Mike and Tom Gibbons, Jimmy Wilde, Pete Herman, Joe Lynch, Tony Zale, Rocky Graziano, Joey Brown, Tony Canzoneri, Lou Ambers, Henry Armstrong, Fritzie Zivic, Maxie Rosenbloom, Barney Ross, Bob Montgomery, Ike Williams, Beau Jack and Lew Tendler. . . .

The twenty most thrilling fights—those best remembered—fights that have left a vivid impression . . . Dempsey vs. Firpo; Dempsey vs. Tunney, Philadelphia and Chicago "Long Count" battle; Kaplan vs. Danny Kramer; Montgomery vs. Beau Jack; Montgomery vs. Ike Williams; Greb vs. Walker; the two Zale vs. Graziano battles; Leonard vs. Tendler first and second contests; Marciano vs. Walcott Philadelphia bout; Villa vs. Wilde; Ross vs. Canzoneri, N.Y. title bout; Armstrong vs. Zivic two contests; McLarnin vs. Ross; Canzoneri vs. Ambers; Fullmer vs. Basilio; Robinson vs. Turpin in New York. They were standouts.

Forty Years of Memories—An epochal period in boxing history.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN

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Annie was only eighteen when she married Fred Anderson, business manager of the Old Howard in Boston.

Before long Annie gave birth to a daughter whom they named Eva.

The domestic life was not for Annie, so she returned to the stage, now under the name of Ann Livingston.

Her life with Anderson was terminated by divorce and it wasn't long before John L. Sullivan, The Champ, appeared on the scene.

For the next half dozen years, Ann was in the immediate vicinity no matter where Sullivan might be—in England, in France, in the United States. It was not an unusual relationship, but hardly a delectable one.

JOHN NEEDED NO URGING WHEN IT CAME TO BOOZE

Apologists for Sullivan have written some pretty nasty attacks on Ann. Yes, she did like her liquor. But John's increasing fondness for booze was not due to her influence. He was a toper long before he became attached to her.

The sordid story of Sullivan's treatment of Ann ended in 1896. She died. He had not seen her for some six or seven years, and had ignored her pleas for help.

A Boston newspaperman who had the temerity to tell the real story got a nasty letter in which John invited him to take a thrashing.

The names of those whom Sullivan met as the champion are not too important until 1888, when he fought Mitchell on the Rothschild estate at Chantilly, France, and was held to a thirty nine round draw by a man whom he greatly outweighed.

This fight with Mitchell furnished an important tipoff on Sullivan's real class.

Of course, by March 10, 1888, Sullivan had had six years of championship living and hardly was the fighter who had trounced Ryan.

The little Briton fought John L. to a stalemate in an engagement lasting 3 hours 10 minutes 55 seconds. Sullivan got the first knockdown, Charley drew first blood, in the eighth round.

ARM INJURY IN FIFTH HANDICAPPED JOHN

Sullivan hurt his right arm in the fifth round when he clouted Mitchell on the head. Thereafter John was badly handicapped.

A year after the Chantilly affair Sullivan finally gave Jake Kilrain his shot at the title. On July 8, 1899, they met at Richburg, Miss. bare knockles, London Rules.

Nowhere in the annals of the Prize Ring will you find any evidence tending to prove that Jake was a great fighter. I know this. In his late years he was an exceedingly surly man. I went to his home in Quincy, Mass. for an interview and he threw me out.

Despite the fact that Kilrain wast just a fair scrapper, Sullivan needed 2 hours 16 minutes, a total of 75 London rounds, to polish off his challenger.

In the seventy fifth round John tapped Jake lightly and Kilrain fell down. Mitchell, in Jake's corner, proposed a draw and Sullivan refused. Then Mike Donovan, also in Kilrain's corner, threw up the sponge.

A couple of years later a young fighter named Jim Corbett began to talk up a fight with the fading title holder. John L. ridiculed the idea of meeting "this bank clerk."

But the onetime Strong Boy finally had to give James his chance. Corbett gave the John L. a terrific shellacking and Sullivan quit the ring to devote more attention to his drinking.

I met John L. when he was an old man, when he was about to deliver a temperance talk in Jersey City. He was a genial veteran by then.

Examination of Sullivan's record, a close study of the round by round details of his title fights, a realization of the physical deterioration of this onetime Strong Boy, cannot fail to impress on us that the Sullivan Legend does not stand up too robustly.

EUROPEAN GOSSIP

By CHARLEY PARRISH

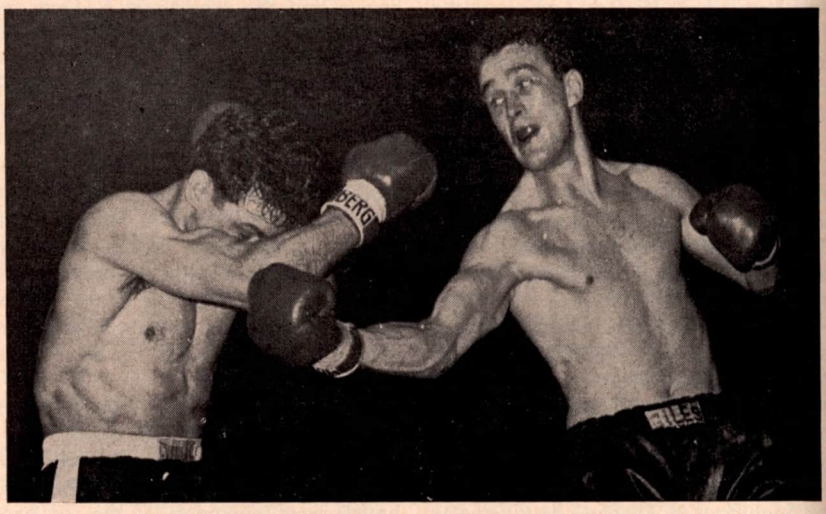
McCORMACK DEFEATS FREYTAG

FRANKFURT — Johnny (Cowboy) McCormack of Scotland retained his European middleweight title by gaining a fifteen round decision over Heini Freytag of Germany. The tall rangy Scot made good use of his advantage in reach to outbox the strong willing challenger and gain the verdict of the referee before over 7,500 fans. There were few exciting moments as McCormack's boxing ability dominated the contest and Heini left the ring with his face carrying the marks of battle.

Only a few bouts of major consequence took place on the Continent during December, with Duilio Loi twice in action, winning before the limit against Akono and Gale Kerwin, and Rinaldi, Scholz, Papp and Cossemyns winning their various bouts. Hashas again found that his shock-absorber style didn't pay off when he was halted by Cuba's Doug Vaillant and René Barriere was stopped by Angel Robinson Garcia on the same card.

The featherweight line-up got another bad shaking when Sergio Caprari was knocked out in the opening frame of his bout with Flash Elorde in Manila. Portugal's globe-trotting bantam champ, Fernando Soto (right name Gonzales) did well to last eight rounds against Golden Boy Eder Jofre in Brazil and in Australia, Pravisani fell victim to Don Johnson, conqueror of Quatuor and Carruthers. Westphal was chilled in less than a round by Sonny Liston but doesn't lose status in Europe.

Best prospects for 1962, heavyweight down—De Piccoli, Risberg, Armand Vannucci, Andres Navarro, Leopoldo Escuin, Olli Maeki, Zamparini and Curcetti.



European middleweight champion John (Cowboy) McCormack of Scotland fires a long right at challenger Heini Freytag of Germany during their bout in Frankfurt in which the Scot outclassed his challenger to win the verdict and retain his title.

The Continent's Boxer of the Year—Duilio Loi

▸ **COLOGNE, Germany**—Two "outsiders" ruled the roost where once only Peter Mueller could attract a crowd. But such name fighters as Gustav Scholz and Laszlo Papp brought in some 5,000 fans although the opposition provided wasn't very exacting. Scholz, 170, was pitted against the Dutch cruiser champ, Nelis Oostrum, 165, who runs a bicycle repair shop and boxes in his spare time. Scholz didn't open up until the third, flashing a left hook to the Dutchman's chin that dropped him for a "7" count. He also dropped Oostrum twice for "8" in the fifth round and the gong sounded in time to prevent a knockout. In the sixth, Scholz came out and belted Oostrum with a series of hooks to the chin that dropped him to the canvas and as he arose to continue the fight the referee stepped in to call a halt.

Laszlo Papp, 158, looked quite as efficient as Scholz in his bout against Michel Francois, 157, who allowed himself the liberty of thumping the Magyar's chin just at the finish of the opening round. In the next heat, Papp nabbed the Frenchman as he went to repeat the trick, clouting Francois with a right hook which dropped him for "8" and dropped him again for "9" an instant later whereupon the referee halted the slaughter.

Dieter Wemhoener, 172, had a workout at the expense of Gerd van Eyk of Holland, whom he had defeated on three previous occasions, this time winning over eight rounds.

Heini Freytag, 160, returned to action after a lengthy illness and wasn't very impressive against Ossi Bochow, 164, whose corner slung in the towel during the fifth round after Bochow had taken several trips to the canvas.

Conny Rudhof, 135, put up an excellent display of boxing skill against the Tunisian whirlwind, Abdesalem Faradji, who some weeks ago knocked out Peter Goschka. The North African, with only a dozen fights to his credit, was no match for the experienced Rudhof but put up a game fight, lasting the eight rounds to lose on points. In the curtain-raiser, Heini Meinhardt won over Horst Borzostowski in a mddles six.

▸ **MADRID, Spain—At the Sports Palace,** Raton Osuna was able to retain his flyweight title by obtaining a disputed draw against former champion Young Martin. As one scribe put it, Martin boxed as if he were the champon and thus lacked the necessary aggressive zip to tilt the verdict in his favor.

Nick Maric, the toughie from Yugoslavia, withstood a tremendous hammering from Luis Folledo until the seventh round, when he walked over to his corner with his arms raised in surrender.

Georges Estafoff another exile from Tito-land, was almost blasted out of the ring by Diego Infantes but the Spanish middles champion eased off when he observed his opponent was groggy and thus lost the chance of a knockout win. He won clearly on points.

Leopoldo Escuin, who is making great progress in the paid ranks, outscored Chato Ramos in a lightweight eight.

▸ **MADRID, Spain—At the Fronton Alegre,** in a program arranged by the Federation, Silvestre Sevilla, a young Basque middleweight, outpointed former champion Francisco Ortega over eight rounds. Josan bested Santos Seoane in a hard bantam eight and Enrique Gonzalez outslugged Lazaro Pavon in a terrific bantam scrap. Narcisco Bernal trimmed Canaveras in a mediocre middles six.

▸ **BARCELONA, Spain**—Veteran José Merayo and rookie Felix Serrano clashed at the Gran Price to decide ownership of the vacant Catalan lightie title and after ten rounds the nod went to Serrano.

Welter prospect Andres Navarro Moreno won from Frank Garcia in eight and Forbe drew with Cespedes in a feathers eight.

▸ **QUIMPER, France**—Jean-Claude Leroy regained his stride by trouncing Jean Leroux in a bantam ten.

▸ **At NANTES**—Undefeated Souleyman Diallo checked the Spanish trial-horse Manulo Correa in the third round of a middles bout.

▸ **PARIS—At the Mutualité,** Sauveur Chiocca moved a step further in the welter eliminators by outscoring Claude Saluden in twelve rounds. Roger Prigent, trying a comeback, was defeated in a lightie ten by Mohamed ben Said.

▸ **ROME**—As briefly reported last month issue, Giulio Rinaldi won over Germany's Dieter Wemhoener in a return clash at the Sports Palace.

Freddie Mack, the American Negro, was outpointed by fellow-countryman Jesse Bowdry, who took a while to get moving but won the second half of their cruiser ten without trouble.

Joaquin Riquelme, Spanish welter prospect with a mere dozen fights to his credit, was thrown in against Fortunato Manca and was of course beaten on points but put up a game scrap and Francisco Carreno, a powder-puff hitter, was no test for Mario D'Agata and lost in a bantam eight. Lino Mastellaro obtained a narrow decision against the smart Brazilian feather, Paiva, also in eight.

▸ **TURIN, Italy**—Despite a knockdown for "8" in the fourth round, rugged Bobby Ros of Spain offered spirited resistance against Mario Vecchiatto and wound up their hard lightweight ten a clear but well-applauded loser.

Franco Musso was handed a disputable decision over Rischia and Giuseppe Marotto trimmed Misin in two lightweight eights. Ernesto Miranda, brilliant Argentine bantam, outscored tenacious Michel Lamora of France.

▸ **MILAN, Italy**—Giordano Campari, his right hand injured early in the bout, boxed single-handed against Bob Belkheir of Morocco for nine rounds. In the final round he slung his right over twice and dropped the African each time and the ref stepped in to halt the bout.

Serafino Novati, cruiser novice, put himself into the running by belting out Mario Altana in the second stanza whilst Primo Zamparini outscored Luciano Paganelli in a flyweight eight and Sandro Lopopulo trounced Spaniard Jaime Aparici in a lightie eight.

▸ **PADUA, Italy**—Federico Friso wasn't very impressive against Mariano Echevarria who put on a forceful spurt in the final rounds to gain a drawn verdict in their heavies ten.

▸ **At MODENA**—Franco Fiori won narrowly from Tunisian Mahmoud le Noir in a middles ten and at **FANO** Geppino Gentiletti trimmed Marc Desfourneaux of France in a middles ten.

▸ **MADRID, Spain**—In a lightweight eight, Ricardo Navarro bested Enrique Lezaun whilst feathers

champ José Biescas scored over Rafael Gayo in eight. Tito Gomez outfought Vicente "Tiger" Fernando in a welter eight.

In **BARCELONA**—Charley Kacem of Spanish Morocco retired in the seventh round of his lightheavy fray against Fernando Penarroya. José Luis Martinez, still going strong, fought a draw with young José Bisbal in a bantam eight and Paulino Cobo likewise shared the verdict with Montserrat in a feathers eight.

TOURS, France—Ernesto Miranda, having wiped up the opposition in Italy, signed up to meet kayo king Jean Guerard but as the local fighter was injured, veteran Henri Schmid stepped in. Miranda inflicted three knockdowns but after Schmid was saved from a knockout by the gong in the sixth he elected to coast his way to a points win.

At the Salle Wagram, PARIS—Paul Maolet celebrated his entry into the lightweight division by trouncing the Belgian champion, Aimé Devisch over ten rounds. Fabio Bettini of Italy stopped Luc Deledique in the fifth round of a middles clash.

BILBAO, Spain—American managers seeking a successor to Paolino might consider Benito Canal, a useful Basque heavy who cannot get work. Twelve months ago Canal was narrowly outscored by Echevarria in his debut. Since then he has been inactive. The arrival of Goliath Manolito Garcia, 264, provided Benito, 204, with a job of work and he set about demolishing the behemoth who thrice whipped him in the amateur ranks. After several knockdowns Garcia's corner slung in the towel during the third round.

Local toughie Carmelo Beraza upset Ben Buker II, forcing the veteran to retire in the fourth round of a welter maul.

MADRID, Spain—At the Fiesta Alegre, Antonio De Pablo forced blond Bergentino Cunado to retire at the start of the seventh in their lightie clash while Ramon Casal won over Francisco Puente in a terrific bantam slam over eight rounds. José Luis Torcida, an amateur already selected for the Tokio Olympics upset paid fighter Basilio Juanes in a feathers six.

PARIS—At the Sports Palace, French boxing hopes suffered a further blow when Doug Vaillant put the crusher on Aissa Hashas and Angel Robinson Garcia wiped up René Barriere. With blood streaming down his face, Hashas tried desperately to cut Vaillant down before the bout might be stopped but the Cuban proved more than equal to the occasion and got slightly the better of the exchanges. The Jaguar of the Sahara, as Hashas is labelled, after taking a count in the eighth round, decided to retire.

Barriere also suffered from cut eyes in his feathers dispute with Garcia and was obliged to retire in the sixth round.

Olympic fighter Guy Josselin debuted with a points win over René Fanchez in a welter six and Louis Barcelo halted Jackie Houzard in the second round of a feathers fray.

COPENHAGEN, Denmark—As reported last month, Chris Christensen won by disqualification over George Aldridge of England in the ninth round.

Sander Bonde, 138, lost yet again, this time against the Yugoslav southpaw, Milow Bulat, over eight rounds while Finn Jensen, 179, edged out the ancient and much lighter Algerian, Ali Arrane. Carl Wielschou, 187, was lucky to get the verdict over Claude Meltior, 177, of France in a four-round affair.

LUXEMBOURG—A fresh group of recruits from the simon-pure ranks has revived interest in the Grand Duchy. Topping the bill was the new heavyweight hope, Ray Cillien, 185, who defeated French title-contender Jean Huiban over six rounds. Italian cruiser Carlo Clementi, employed in Luxembourg, won over René Pigeon in eight.

Ray Philippe drew with Serge Breuillier of France in a cruiser six and another Italian, Franco Mariani, lost out to Mohamed Benkara in a welter six.

GHENT, Belgium—Bob Stevens finally succeeded to the national middles throne by outscoring champion Richard Bouchez over twelve rounds. On the same card, Willy Carmelliet, the cruiser champion, was halted in the fourth round by Bernard Quellier of France.

ROME—At the Sports Palace, Duilio Loi emerged from his torpor to hand out a neat pasting to the Senegalese, Epiphane Akono, who was taken out of action in the seventh round due to cut eyes. Loi showed more "killer" than in his last few bouts.

Ray Nobile returned to the wars with a convincing win over hard-hitting Renato Giacche in a lightie ten. Ottavio Panunzi edged out wily Moussa Sangaree in a cruiser ten.

Pisani halted Ben Ali Bechir of Tunisia in the sixth round of a hectic welter argument and Fortunato Manca outfought game Jesse Jones, American negro, in a welter eight.

BARCELONA, Spain—Diego Infantes was quick in defending his newly won middles title but his opponent, Tomas Moktar, was hardly the ideal challenger. The Moroccan was belted all around the ring and finally knocked out in the ninth round.

Highly-rated Mimun Ben Ali was all over Raton Osuna in the opening round of their flyweight clash but in the next frame he was warned for low punches. A right hook to the midriff laid Osuna low but the ref ruled out Ben Ali and declared Osuna the winner.

PARIS—At the Salle Wagram, lightweight champ Fernand Nollet decisioned young Roger Younsi over ten rounds, though a left hook dropped him for a count in the second round.

Maurice Auzel returned to action with a win over mediocre Cesar Fuentes, who was stopped in the fifth round of a welter clash.

BLOIS, France—After several poor performances, Jean Ruellet at last bade farewell to his middleweight title when he tangled with 32-year old Marius Dori. It was a hard scrap, Dori was badly cut over the left eye during the seventh, but won on points. He is a very mediocre successor to Cerdan, Dauthuille, Villemain and Thil.

At ST. NAZAIRE, cagey Claude Negrel proved the stiffest rival to date for undefeated Souleyman Diallo and lost only on points to the redoubtable middleweight from West Africa.

GRENOBLE, France—In a semi-final for the vacant welter title, André Davier unexpectedly won over Michel Lombardet though by a very narrow margin. Davier now goes on to dispute the title with Sauveur Chiocca, who should emerge the new champion. The Italian welter Paolo Sciré trimmed Passot in a welter eight. The attendance was 2,000, a record for the locality.

BREST, France—Jean-Claude Leroy fought hard to earn a split decision against Pierre Rossi in a flyweight duel, after Rossi had built up a lead in the earlier rounds.

At MONTARGIS—Jackie Chauveau seemed to have exhausted his non-stop terrier style of fighting and was held to a draw by the very fit Yugoslav, Milow Bulat, in a blistering lightweight ten.

BRUSSELS, Belgium—Ugo Milan, who was beaten without undue effort by Freddy Gilroy, gave Gilroy's conqueror, Pierre Cossemyns, a rough time of it when they clashed at the Sports Palace. In the fourth round the Italian floored the European bantam champion for "8". Cossemyns boxed his way out of trouble and won clearly on points.

Henny van Berkum, Dutch cruiser who has scored several good wins in Belgium, was upset by the French Negro, Joseph Juvillier, who knocked him out in the opening stanza. Jean Renard halted Jean Biosca, French feather, in the ninth.

Yves Cornez, now a middleweight, won over the Frenchman Robert Martinez, in ten rounds. A Hungarian bantam named Takacs stopped Jacques Grave of France in the third round.

ESKILSTUNA, Sweden—A crowd of over 3,000 attended the first-ever professional card in the Sheffield of Sweden, where Lars Norling tangled with big Bonino Allevi of Italy. The rest of the program was made up of amateur bouts. Norling, 193, boxed well against the Italian, 204, but Allevi marred the bout with repeated punches below the belt which earned him a disqualification in the second round.

PARMA, Italy—In a bitterly-fought local Derby, Gianni Lommi and Alberto Covi were adjudged to have fought a draw after ten rounds. Both men have made good progress in the middleweight ranks. In a welter eight, Ferraguti won over Bacchiani.

At MODENA—Tommaso Truppi, tearaway local middle, lost for the first time in the paid ranks when he was stopped by Mahmoud le Noir. Truppi, a regular two-fisted hitter, had the Tunisian in bad trouble in the opening rounds. In the fifth round the Tunisian countered with a terrific right hook which landed on the Italian's right ear. Truppi took a count, was unable to keep his balance and retired, to discover he had a fractured eardrum.

MILAN, Italy—At the Principe Theater, Michele Gullotti of Sicily outfought French bantam, Pierre Leroux, in a rugged eight-rounder. Marcotti, a middles novice, forced Gilbert Souday of France to retire at the start of the sixth round after dishing out a real hammering.

PAVIA, Italy—Giordano Campari had a light workout against Kid Salerno, who wisely decided to retire after sustaining two knockdowns from the lightweight champion.

ST. QUENTIN, France—Erwin Hack, German heavyweight trial-horse, came in against Wladis Kopec with an unexpected advantage of a stone in weight and used it to good effect in the early rounds. Kopec fought back hard and was dictating the bout by the final frame with the result that the honors were shared.

AT ST. OUEN—Andre Gasperini returned after a long layoff to whip Pierre Declitte in a bantam ten.

HAMBURG, Germany—A crowd of 4,000 attended Hein ten Hoff's promotion at the Ernst Merck Hall, where Hans Wohlers tangled with Manfred Hass for the vacant middleweight title. The bout was something of a let-down. At the start of his career Hass worked as sparring-partner for Wohlers and in this fight he adopted a similar role, leaving all all the initiative to the blonde Hamburger though not unduly disturbed by his punches. Wohlers won a monotonous 12-rounder on points.

Ivan Preberg, 176, of Yugoslavia, took a brief count in the fourth round of his bout with Rudi Nehring but fought back to such good effect that the German's points win was disputed by the audience.

Nick Maric, 160, slugged it out with Erich Walter, 163, for eight rounds, neither battler conceding an inch of ground and finishing badly mauled with honors even.

In two more middles clashes, Heini Meinhardt battered out a points win over Mohamed Sahib of Syria over six and Rolf Peters drew with Klaus Stockmann of Kiel in a terrific slugging-match. Jupp Drischka, 156, also fought a draw in his pro debut against Peter Tombers, 152, over four rounds.

LUXEMBOURG—The local heavies prospect, Ray Cillien, won handily over Ivan Prebeg of Yugoslavia in hard six-rounder, though Cillien had quite an advantage in weight. Ray Philippe, cruiser, won from Gilles Dieude of France who was ruled out in the fourth round for butting.

SAMPIERDARENA—In an interesting program devoted to younger talent, Primo Zamparini continued undefeated by halting Bianchi in the fourth round of a bantam duel while Giorgio Masteghin, of the massive physique, was surprisingly defeated by string-bean Badalassi in a heavyweight six. Bertocchl got the better of Pietro Longheu in a cruiser six.

PARIS—At the Salle Wagram, Jan de Vos of Holland put up another good performance in a foreign ring when he lasted the distance against the noted Peruvian hitter, Dante Pelaez. De Vos floored the Peruvian in the second round but was later forced on the defensive to finish up a narrow points loser. Fabio Bettini, Italian middle, drew with Daniel Leuillier in eight and Lucien Fernandes likewise drew against Roger Keromnes in a middles ten.

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HEAVIES	LIGHTHEAVIES	MIDDLES	WELTERS
1. Ingemar Johansson (SW)	1. Erich Schoeppner (G)	1. Laszlo Papp (HY)	1. Duilio Loi (I)
2. Karl Mildenberger (G)	2. Giulio Rinaldi (I)	2. Giancarlo Garbelli (I)	2. Bruno Visintin (I)
3. Albert Westphal (G)	3. Gustav Scholz (G)	3. Hans Wohlers (G)	3. Fortunato Manca (I)
4. Hans Kalbfell (G)	4. Helmut Ball (G)	4. Hippolyte Annex (F)	4. Chris Christensen (D)
5. Wim Snoek (H)	5. Lennart Risberg (SW)	5. Marcel Pigou (F)	5. Luis Folledo (S)
6. Mino Bozzano (I)	6. Pekka Kokkonen (FN)	6. Heini Freytag (G)	6. Stefan Redl (G)
7. Franco De Piccoli (I)	7. Leen Jansen (H)	7. Peter Mueller (G)	7. Sauveur Chiocca (F)
8. Sante Amonti (I)	8. Paul Roux (F)	8. Manfred Hass (G)	8. Maurice Auzel (F)
9. Franco Cavicchi (I)	9. Germinal Ballarin (F)	9. Assane Diouf (F)	9. Omrane Sadok (T)
10. Rocco Mazzola (I)	10. Piero Tomasoni (I)	10. Franco Fiori (I)	10. Joaquin Riquelme (S)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERS	BANTAMS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Aissa Hashas (F)	1. Gracieux Lamperti (F)	1. Pierre Cossemyns (B)	1. Mimun Ben Ali (S)
2. Giordano Campari (I)	2. Sergio Caprari (I)	2. Alphonse Halimi (F)	2. Salvatore Burruni (I)
3. Mario Vecchiatto (I)	3. Willi Quatuor (G)	3. Piero Rollo (I)	3. René Libeer (F)
4. Guizani Rezgui (T)	4. Jean Renard (B)	4. Federico Scarponi (I)	4. Jean Guerard (F)
5. Fernand Nollet (F)	5. René Barriere (F)	5. Pierre Vetroff (F)	5. Risto Luukkonen (FN)
6. Conny Rudhof (G)	6. Olli Maeki (FN)	6. Mario D'Agata (I)	6. Pierre Rossi (F)
7. Guy Gracia (F)	7. Mario Sitri (I)	7. Giuseppe Linzalone (I)	7. Kamara Diop (F)
8. Ray Nobile (I)	8. Lino Mastellaro (I)	8. Michele Lamora (F)	8. Albert Younsi (F)
9. Bobby Ros (S)	9. Franco Musso (I)	9. Ugo Milan (I)	9. Young Martin (S)
10. Juan Albornoz (S)	10. Andrea Silanos (I)	10. Sugar Ray (H)	10. Paolo Curcetti (I)

LEGEND: B Belgium; D Denmark; F France; FN Finland; G Germany; H Holland; HY Hungary; I Italy; S Spain; SW Sweden; T Tunisia.

Winstone Best For 1961

By JOHN S. SHARPE

HOWARD WINSTONE of Merthyr, British featherweight king, who has scored twenty-seven victories and has an unblemished record, was honored by the British Boxing Writers' Club of Great Britain as the man who did the best in boxing in Great Britain during the year. Winstone was named the Best Young Boxer for 1961, and received the handsome Geoffrey Simpson trophy which is awarded annually in honor of the famed sports journalist who died a few years ago.

Winstone will be remembered as the former amateur boxing champion and the Empire Games title holder. He is well liked and a pleasing performer from whom big things are expected during this year.

With the Yuletide holidays, boxing's activities were curtailed during the past month. The big surprise of course was the knockout of Henry Cooper by Zora Folley, discussed in our last issue, a fight that ended in the second round. Here are the results of the other bouts on that card.

BRITISH EMPIRE RATINGS

TO JANUARY 23, 1962

HEAVYWEIGHTS	CRUISERWEIGHTS	MIDDLEWEIGHTS	WELTERWEIGHTS
1. Henry Cooper (E)	Chic Calderwood (S)	1. Terry Downes (E)	Brian Curvis (W)
2. Robert Cleroux (C)	Johnny Halifihi (To)	2. Dick Tiger (N)	Wally Swift (E)
3. Joe Erskine (W)	Alan Harman (J)	3. Yama Bahama (B)	Jimmy McGrail (E)
4. George Chuvalo (C)	Stan Cullis (E)	4. John McCormack (S)	Johnny Melfah (N)
5. Brian London (E)	Yolande Pompey (T)	5. Phil Edwards (W)	Albert Carroll (E)
6. Dick Richardson (W)	Ron Redrup (E)	6. Mick Leahy (E)	Tony Mancini (E)
7. Joe Bygraves (J)	Johnny Ould (E)	7. Gomeo Brennan (B)	Johnny Kramer (E)
8. Jim Cooper (E)	Burke Emery (C)	8. Wilf Greaves (C)	Boswell St. Louis (T)
9. Ray Shiel (E)	Johnny Nomura (N.Z.)	9. Harry Scott (E)	Tony Smith (E)
10. Peter Bates (E)	Bob Nicholson (E)	10. George Aldridge (E)	Gale Kerwin (C)

LIGHTWEIGHTS	FEATHERWEIGHTS	BANTAMWEIGHTS	FLYWEIGHTS
1. Dave Charnley (E)	Rafiu King (N)	1. Johnny Caldwell (I)	Jackie Brown (S)
2. Maurice Cullen (E)	Howard Winstone (W)	2. Freddie Gilroy (I)	Brian Cartwright (E)
3. Bunny Grant (J)	Floyd Robertson (G)	3. Billy Rafferty (S)	Jackie Bruce (A)
4. Gary Cowburn (A)	Derry Treanor (S)	4. Dennis Adjie (G)	Jackie Treshman (A)
5. Dave Coventry (E)	Percy Lewis (T)	5. George Bowes (E)	Alan Gibbards (A)
6. Johnny Cooke (E)	Wally Taylor (A)	6. Terry Crimmins (W)	Walter McGowan (S)
7. Johnny Kidd (S)	Dave Hilton (C)	7. Don Weller (E)	Danny Lee (S)
8. Jimmy Gibson (S)	Ken Field (E)	8. Alex Ambrose (S)	Alex O'Neil (I)
9. Eddie Beattie (C)	Billy Davis (E)	9. Dai Corp (W)	Brian Bissmire (E)
10. Darkie Hughes (W)	Love Allotey (G)	10. Danny Wells (E)	Johnny Mallon (S)

LEGEND—(A) Australia; (B) Bahamas; (BG) British Guiana; (C) Canada; (E) England; (F) Fiji Islands; (G) Ghana; (IN) India; (I) Ireland; (J) Jamaica; (M) Malta; (N) Nigeria; (NZ) New Zealand; (S) Scotland; (SA) South Africa; (T) Trinidad; (TO) Tonga; (W) Wales; (BH) British Honduras.

▸ Mick Leahy, The Coventry Based Irishman, 152, who decided to enter the middleweight division after an unsuccessful attempt to defeat the scales and Brian Curvis for The British & Empire Titles at the Welterweight limit. . . . His debut in the higher weight and against one of the best American light middleweights in Teddy Wright, U.S.A., 151½, was a humdinger over ten rounds which had the crowd cheering from the first. Taller and rangy Wright, set out to force the pace, and with the willing Irishman in the same mood, fists began to fly. During the fourth, Leahy drove Wright around the ring with a fusilade of punches, and toward the end, the American suffered a cut above the right eye.

▸ Referee Tommy Little had no hesitation in raising the hands of both boxers denoting a draw.

Ken Field, 127¾, made it 15 in a row when he stopped Freddie Dobson, Manchester, 125¾, in the seventh when Referee Tommy Little intervened during the seventh to save a gamester from further punishment. Dobson held his own in the earlier rounds, but a change came over the scene when Field became the attacker against a weakening opponent.

Billy Davis, Bow, 128, gained a clear points win over Con Mount Bassie, Jamaica, 127¼, in eight. Johnny Gamble, Merthyr, 159, was mighty unlucky to be declared the loser against Dave George, Woking, 157¼, who seemed to attribute to the low punch that Gamble shot to the Woking's lad's body in the third, and Referee Harry Paulding ruled the hard punching Welshman out.

Freddie Cheevers, Streatham, 132, made a successful debut into the paid ranks when he knocked out Pat Loughran, Belfast, 139¼, in the first. Freddie King, Bermondsey, 134¾, outpointed Tommy Tiger, Leicester & Nigeria, 134¼, in six. Don Weller, Battersea, Southern Area bantamweight championship, 119, stopped Tommy Burgoyne, Halton, 119¾, in the fourth.

▸ **GLASGOW** . . . Bobby Fisher, Craigneuk, gained sweet revenge for a points defeat against George Judge, Glasgow, some two months back, by scoring a knockout win in the second. It was no mean performance for Ex-Amateur Fisher who was having his fifth professional contest.

Bobby's brother Willie Fisher, Craigneuk, kept his record intact when he stopped Ivor Evans, Bournemouth, in the sixth of a middleweight bout.

Bernard Rea. Coatbridge, knocked out Roland Mitchell, Coventry, in the third . . . Willie Hart, Glasgow, formerly Amateur Middleweight Champion of Scotland, got off to a good start when he outpointed Tommy Bolton, Manchester, in six.

▸ **LEICESTER** . . . Joe Bygraves, Jamaica, 211¾, knocked out Alex Barrow, Nigeria, 196¼, in the second. Mick Greaves, Leicester, 126½, defeated Jimmy Carson, Belfast, 126, when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye in the second.

Johnny Prescott, Birmingham, 200, is a young heavyweight to watch. . . . He was very impressive in knocking out Fred Kaho, Tonga, 209, in the second. Ron Brown, Market Harborough, 151, outpointed Billy Allport, Walsall, 142, in six. . . . Billy Williams, Cannock, 127, outpointed "Sugar Ray" Johnson, Leicester, 126, in six.

Greg Douglas, Market Harborough, 160½, and Graham Barnett, Lincoln, 169, fought a draw in six.

▸ **MAESTEG** . . . Tony French, Woking, 162, outpointed Johnny Furnhan, Cardiff, 160½, in a hard hitting eight. Lenny "The Lion" Williams, 125, of Maesteg, did not disappoint his local followers in his bout with Mickey Redmond, Bristol, 126. Referee Brimmel stopped the one sided bout in the second to save Redmond from further punishment.

Gerry Maxwell, Caerphilly, 157½, outpointed Terry Thompson, Jamaica, Jamaica and Gloucester, 153, in six. Ron Rowley, Pontypridd, 133¾, stopped Ron Harris, Neath, 130, in the third.

Vince Morgan, Cardiff, 155, outpointed Terry Phillips, Cardiff, 154, in six. . . . Peter Delbridge, Pyle, 127, outpointed Peter Richards, Bristol, 125½, in six.

▸ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . LONDON . . .** George Palin, Crewe, 147¾, had to fight hard to gain the points win over Ricky McMasters, Jamaica, 146 . . . what looked like an early win for Palin when he landed some heavy right hooks to his opponent's jaw, turned out to be a strenuous one, for McMasters fought back with determination.

Roy Beaman, Brixton, 126½, defeated Owen Riley, Glasgow, 127, in the sixth of a hard hitting bout. The Scot weakened after half way and was defenseless when the referee intervened.

Maurice Lloyd, Crewe, 144, knocked out Steve Elwood, Brixton, 145, in the sixth. . . . Arnold Bell, Jamaica, 128, outpointed Ray Thompson, Dagenham, 128½, in six. . . . John Martindale, Poplar, 173, knocked out Aza Melody, Jamaica, 170, in the second.

▸ **LIVERPOOL** . . . Harry Scott, Liverpool, 158½, was fortunate to share honors with Charlie Cotton, U.S.A., 159¼, in a hard fought ten. Scott claimed that he injured his right early in the bout but the clever boxing of the 30 year old American seemed to have the advantage, a grand stand slam of Scott caught the eye of the referee and a draw was declared. . . . Dave Coventry, Liverpool, 137, was in devastating form against Billy Kelly, Derry, 139½, and the latter was put down for "three" early in the second succumbed to a right that draped him over the bottom rope to be counted out.

Johnny Cooke, Bootle, 137¼, outpointed Chico Velez, New York, 137, in eight. . . . Frank Morgan, Liverpool, 121, defeated Peter Williams, Ripley, 118, in the second when the latter retired. . . . Dele Mejeke, Nigeria, 130, outpointed Billy Evans, Liverpool, 130, in six.

▸ **MANCHESTER** . . . Gus Demmy, the Popular Free Trade Hall promoter was again rewarded with a full house when Billy Calvert, Sheffield, 12[illegible] gave Empire Champion Floyd Robertson, Ghana, 128, a fright in their thrilling and gruelling ten . . . "Cowboy" Calvert never stopped attacking from the start although suffering from a severe cut over his right eye in the ninth he kept going to the end to share honors.

Orlando Paso, Nigeria, 162, stopped Malcolm Worthington, Crewe, 161, in the sixth. . . . Ron Gray, Walsall, 195¾, and Bernard Sullivan, Manchester, 196, fought a thrilling draw in six.

Brian Ellaby, Manchester, 161½, outpointed Jimmy Assini, Leicester, 160, in six. . . . Jim Swords, Manchester, 162, stopped Jimmy Blanche, Coventry, 161¾, in the first, when the referee intervened.

▸ **NEWCASTLE** . . . Maurice Cullen, Shotton, 135, outpointed Roy Jacobs, Nigeria, 133, in a fast and exciting ten. . . . Dennis Adjie, Ghana, 120, gained his revenge when he outpointed George Bowes, Hasledon, 119½, in a spirited ten.

Alan Kaihau, Tonga, 159, defeated Billy Linton, Middlesborough, 160, in the sixth when the bout was stopped in his favor. . . . Maurice Nicholls, Castleford, 146, outpointed Paddy Jones, Peterlee, 146, in six.

▸ **NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . LONDON . . .** Bob Nicholson, Farnborough, 174¾, brought his unbeaten record to ten wins, when he outpointed Brian "Lacy" Stannard, King's Lynn, 174, in a

gruelling eight. Stannard was put down in the fourth for two counts and again in the seventh, but the game Stannard fought back to last the full course, and at the end the Members showered the ring with "nobbins".

Chris Elliott, Leicester, 137¾, outpointed Phil McGrath, Halifax, 134¼, in a hard fought eight. . . . Vic Brown, Edgware, 119½, outpointed Mick Murphy, Ireland, 121½, in six.

Bobby Day, West Ham, 138, made a successful entry into the paid ranks with a points win over Ron Rowley, Pontypridd, 135, in six. Melvin Wiles, King's Lynn, 169, outpointed Coleman O'Malley, Paddington, 173, in six.

FINSBURY PARK . . . Jim "Spike" McCormack, Belfast, 134¾, put a spike in the winning vein of Danny O'Brien, Kilburn, 133, now concentrating as a lightweight. The Irishman had too much on the ball for O'Brien who started a clear favorite with the betting boys. Although there were no knockdowns, McCormack provided unlimited action in the closing rounds to gain a clear points win in eight.

Johnny Howard, Holloway, 126¾, outpointed Nye Ankarah, Ghana, 129, in eight. . . . Billy Tarrant, Bermondsey, 147¾, outpointed Billy Wadham, Tottenham, 146, in eight.

Danny Hopkins, Brixton, 120¾, outpointed Ron Elliott, Hackney, 114, in six. . . . Eddie Cole, West Ham, 161, outpointed Terry Phillips, Cardiff, 158, in six. . . . Stan Kennedy, West Ham, 129, outpointed Maurice Daniels, Trinidad, 129, in six.

WEST HAM . . . Johnny Kramer, West Ham, 145¾, gained a narrow points win over Boswell St. Louis, Trinidad, 143½, in a thrilling eight. St. Louis came in as a late substitute for Albert Carroll who was down with flu.

In the seventh Kramer, who had sustained a cut and swollen left eye, suddenly connected with a heavy right to St. Louis jaw and the latter was forced to take a count of "seven". This was the turning point, for Kramer put on the pressure to even matters. Kramer boxing at long range, got the edge and the referee's decision.

Ron James, West Ham, 129, stopped Phil Jones, Cardiff, 130¾, in the eighth and last round, after the latter received cuts around both eyes. . . . Bobby Davies, West Ham, 126½, outpointed Frank Lannon, Wolverhampton, 128, in six. . . . Paddy O'Callaghan, Dagenham, 148, outpointed Kid Solomon, Jamaica, 152, in six. . . . Peter Morgan, Stepney, 145, stopped Terry Beeston, Molesley, 152, in the third.

GLASGOW . . . Walter McGowan, Hamilton, is destined for high honors in the flyweight division. The former British Amateur Champion scored a brilliant points victory over Brian Bissmire, West Ham, in a spectacular eight. In the fourth the young Scot spread-eagled the Londoner on the canvas for "five" with a right to the jaw.

Danny Lee, Port Glasgow, and Tommy Burgoyne, Plean, fought a stirring bantamweight eight to a draw. . . . Bernard Rea, Coatbridge, outpointed Tommy Colecliff, Edinburgh, in six. . . . Willie Hart, Glasgow, stopped Alan Kaihau, Tonga, in the fourth of a middleweight bout. . . . Ian Mackenzie, Ayr, outpointed Maurice Nicholls, Castleford, in a welterweight six.

SHOREDITCH . . . Sammy McSpadden, the unbeaten Fulham-based Scottish lightweight made it 14 wins and one draw in his short career as a professional. . . . "Baby Face" Sammy defeated Dave Stone, Battersea, and Southern Area Lightweight Champion in the seventh when referee Harry Gibbs inspected Stone's eye after he had received a terrific right cross, and immediately stopped the bout in favor of the twenty year old Scot.

Peter McLaren, Walworth, outpointed Maurice Lloyd, Crewe, in a welterweight six. . . . Mickey Hussey, Camberwell, stopped George Carroll, Covent Garden, in the first of a bantamweight six. . . . Freddie King, Shoreditch, stopped Stan Bishop, Birmingham, in the third of a lightweight six.

Stan Kennedy, West Ham, outpointed Ray Thompson, Dagenham, in a featherweight six. . . . Eddie Cole, West Ham, outpointed Alan Wakefield, Hackney, in six.

BERMONDSEY . . . Phil Edwards, Cardiff, Welsh Middleweight Champion, 162, looked a beaten boxer when his left eye was closed by a head on clash in the second round, but sheer guts made him a winner when he shot right after right on to the face of Pat O'Grady, Bermondsey, 163, which opened a gash over his left eye and this caused Referee Tommy Little to call a halt during the fifth and name Edwards the winner.

Phil Ludgren, Bermondsey, and George Judge, Glasgow, fought a draw in a featherweight eight. . . . Peter Cheevers, Streatham, 133½, stopped Ken Whitney, Northampton, 139, in the second.

Jonjo Donaghy, Maidstone and Ireland, 129, outpointed Kofie Manu, Ghana, 125, in six. . . . Peter Nelson, Brixton, stopped Ossie Nelson, Jamaica, in the third of a cruiserweight six. . . . Terry Collins, Brixton, outpointed Joe Falcon, Leicester, in a lightweight six.

NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB . . . LONDON . . . Billy Calvert, Sheffield, 127½, held Mick Greaves, Leicester, 126½, to a draw after an exciting eight. . . . Referee Jack Hart's decision was well received since the bout was closely fought. . . . Johnny McKenna, Southend, outpointed Al Keen, Scotland and Islington, in a lightweight eight.

Lewis Mackay, Edinburgh, 121, gave away 7 lbs., and a points beating to "Sugar Ray" Johnston, Nigeria, 128, in six.

Bobby Daives, West Ham, 125, is a lad to watch during the year of 1962, for I am sure that he will be knocking at door of the championship trail. The manner in which he defeated Dennis East, Plaistow, 127¼, in three rounds, when Referee Jack Hart intervened to save a game lad unnecessary punishment, proved beyond doubt that Bobby Davies is destined for high honors.

Colman O'Malley, Paddington, outpointed Graham Barnett, Lincoln, in a cruiserweight six.

MERTHYR . . . William J. Long is to be complimented in bringing back boxing to the mining town of Merthyr Tydfil. His initial show was a huge success for the Miners Hall was filled to capacity.

Local Johnny Gamble, Ex-Amateur Champion, 156½, scored a quick win when he forced referee Ike Powell to intervene in the second round to save Joe Somerville, Berkhampstead, 157½, from further punishment. They are both "Southpaws".

Johnny Furnham, Cardiff, 158, knocked out Lloyd Lewis, Jamaica and Stoke Newington, 159, in the third. . . . Gerry Maxwell, Caerphilly, 157½, again outpointed Terry Phillips, Cardiff, 160, in six.

Gordon Davies, Brynmawr, 127, knocked out Arnold Bell, Jamaica and Kensington, 126, in the fourth. . . . Keith Picton, Treharris, 128, stopped Keith Aitchison, Ramsgate, 128, in the second.

Dai Harris, Merthur, 134, made his debut into the paid ranks with a points win over seasoned Ron Rowley, Pontypridd, 134, in four. . . . Vince "Sospan" Brown, Cardiff, 158, and Jimmy "Cyclone" Slattery, Newport, 160, drew in four.

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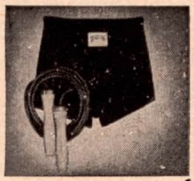

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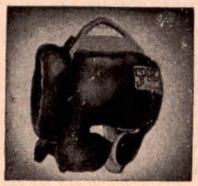

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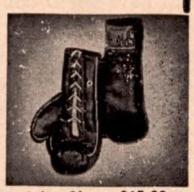

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By JERSEY JONES

Tragic Finish for Patsy Brannigan

THE battered body of 75-year-old Patsy Brannigan was found alongside railroad tracks in Bellevue, a Pittsburgh suburb. The medical examiner reported that Patsy had probably been hit by a passing train. A tragic finish for as popular and colorful a glove-tosser as the ring has ever known.

The name Patsy Brannigan probably means nothing to the modern generation of fight fans, but a half-century ago the red-headed Pittsburgh Irishman was a top performer in the industry. Fighting as a bantam and a feather, Patsy was a busy operative for twenty years. He never won a title but he was no stranger to champions in non-title frays. He tangled with bantams Johnny Coulon and Kid Williams and was featherweight Johnny Kilbane's vis-a-vis on four occasions.

Brannigan was managed by ex-boxer Jimmy Dime, who operated an extensive troupe of fighters out of New Castle, Pa. Stablemates of Patsy's included the Chip brothers, George and Joe, and Tom (Bearcat) McMahon.

Careless about keeping records, Brannigan never was sure how many bouts he had in his two industrious decades in the ring, but estimated roughly the total must have been "somewhere between 500 and 600." He didn't miss many of the good 'uns in either the bantam or feather divisions. Besides the champions, he was in there with Frankie Burns, Memphis Pal Moore, Charley Goldman, Richie Mitchell, Louisiana, Monte Attell, Frankie Conway, Eddie Wallace, Al Shubert, Eddie Campi, Al Delmont, Johnny Ray and Benny Chavez, to list only some of the many.

The only k.o. ever registered against him was in 1916 when he journeyed to Australia for a series of bouts and in one of them was stopped by Sid Godfrey.

Quitting the ring in 1919, Patsy got himself a job as elevator operator in the City-County Building in Pittsburgh, and he held it until he was pensioned a few years ago.

NEW YORK'S RESULTS OF THE MONTH:

Although somewhat ring rusty after being away from competition seven months (five of them in his native Nigeria), Dick Tiger, 160½ British Empire middleweight champion, was an easy winner over Billy Pickett, 159½, Harlem, n a Madison Square Garden ten.

The bout was more of a pursuit race than a fight. It was Pickett's first appearance as a national TV performer, and while he may not have covered himself with fistic glory, he did cover the ring canvas with one of the fanciest backtracking exhibitons of the year.

Aside from an opening burst in the first round, when he surprised Tiger with a furious two-fisted assault, Pickett made few efforts to battle the stocky West African. Apparently an implicit believer in discretion being the better part of valor, the lanky Harlemite made good use of his long arms and legs to stay away from Tiger as much as possible, and Dick spent most of the time in frustrating pursuit. He did succeed occasionaly, however, in catching the skitterng Harlemite. A right to the chin sent Pickett down for a mandatory eight-count in the fourth, and a left hook to the head had him rocking for a few moments in the ninth.

The defeat snapped Pickett's winning streak at nine, and was his second setback in twenty-six pro outings. Billy replaced Tiger's original opponent, Florentino Fernandez, who was unable to get out of Cuba in time to keep the date.

Roland Kellem, 133½, Brooklyn, outpointed Frankie Narvaez, 134½ Puerto Rico, in the semi-final six. Tommy Schafer, 140½, Miami Beach, whipped Chico Velez, 137½, Puerto Rico, in another six. In fours, Willie Giles, 160, Miami Beach, won from Willie Dante, 161¼, Augusta, Ga.; Guillermo Talavera, 144½, East Side, whipped Miguel Martinez, 148¾, Puerto Rico, and Tony Tozzo, 129½, Bronx, survived a first-round knockdown to beat Dick Divola, 131, Boston. Attendance estimated at 1,800, gross receipts at $3,200.

If there's such a thing as a "lucky club" for a fighter, it's the St. Nicholas Arena for Cleveland welterweight Cecil Shorts.

In seven ring outings in 1961, Shorts posted three wins—all at the St. Nick. His four defeats were suffered elsewhere.

The Clevelander, 148, ended his year's activity by taking a unanimous ten-round decision at the West 66th Street arena from Billy Collins, 145¼, Nashville and Detroit.

Collins, tough, willing and a stiff puncher, found Shorts too shifty and ringwise. For seven rounds Billy absorbed some rugged punishment, but he refused to waver and actually was stronger than the winner in the closing sessions.

Although knocked down in the fifth, Billy Bello, 149¼, Bronx, edged out a split decision over Jimmy Dorsey, 145½, Harlem, in the semi-final six. Les McFadden, 144, Jamaica, L.I., had the better of George Briggs, 145, Brooklyn, in another six. In fours, Sid Marcos, 135½, Brooklyn, outpointed Davey Ross, 128½, Jamaica, L.I., and Chocolate Colon, 124¾, was winner in a Puerto Rican get-together with Pablo Acavedo, 128½.

The non-TV'd card attracted 1,186 and gross receipts of $1,776.50, representing another financial loss for the club's sponsor, Madison Square Garden. Roughly it was estimated that St. Nick's first eleven shows of the 1961-62 season had splashed about $20,000 in red ink across the club's ledgers. The Garden arranged, however, to recoup some of its losses by shifting a few of its Saturday night national TV dates there when the Garden itself was taken up by other attractions.

Tuning up for the third episode in his series with Benny Paret for the world welterweight title, tentatvely set for March 24 in Madison Square Garden, Emile Griffith, 151, West Side, got himself a real workout in a fast-moving ten with veteran Isaac Logart, 149, Cuba, at the St. Nicholas Arena. The bout was the first of several Saturday night TV dates shifted to St. Nick's from Madison Square Garden.

Griffith wasn't expected to have much trouble with Logart, whose previous 1961 activities had been limited to only three outings—a draw and two defeats. As it happened, however, the Cuban veteran came through with his best showing in two years, and raised plenty of ructions with the transplanted Virgin Islander. Logart started slowly, but gathered speed as the bout progressed, and he gave Griffith some unpleasant moments in the closing rounds.

Griffith was the snappier puncher of the two and jolted Logart several times in the early going, but the veteran seemed to fight harder when hurt, and his lively rallies and fast left hooks bothered Griffith considerably.

Referee Arthur Mercante tabbed it 5-3-2' for Griffith and Judge Joe Agnello, more generous to the ex-champion, had it 7-3, but the other judge, Leo (Bobby Dawson) Birnbaum, couldn't figure a winner and called it 5-5 in rounds and the same in points.

Wilfredo Avelez, 185, Puerto Rico, decisioned Artie Miller, 183, East Side, in one of the sixes. In the other, Tito Velez, 155, Puerto Rico, seemed lucky to get a draw with Johnny Torres, 155¾, Paterson, N.J. Both scheduled fours ended in kayos, Bob Avena, 173½, Brooklyn, halting a borough rival, Brick Mason, 173¼ at 2:56 of the first, and Joe Williams, 147, Newark, N.J., stopping Danny Garcia, 151, Dominican Republic, at 0:47 of the fourth.

The attendance, held down by a heavy snowfall, was 1,042 and the box-office business $2,466.69.

Although he had Gaspar Ortega, 148, Mexico, in apparent distress several times during the bout, Charley Scott, 148½, Philadelphia, was unable to topple the veteran off his feet and had to content himself with the decision in a free-swinging TV ten in Madison Square Garden.

Although he used both hands effectvely, Scott's main weapon was his left hook which banged repeatedly against Ortega's head and into his body. The Mexican seemed unable to avoid it, but for six rounds he was willing to trade punch for punch with the hard-hitting Philadelphian. The veteran fought with his accustomed slapdash tactics, and made things interesting until the closing sessions when he tired and was forced into frequent clinches.

Despite the rugged punching, the only noticeable damage suffered by either rival was a slight cut ripped over Ortega's left eye in the sixth. Clever corner work by his handlers quickly closed the cut, however, and it didn't bother the Mexican after that.

The decision in Scott's favor was unanimous, Referee Harry Kessler tabbing it 6-3-1, Judge Bill Recht 6-1-3 and Judge Tony Castellano 5-4-1.

In sixes, Dick Turner, 147½, Philadelphia, outfought Harold Richardson, 155¾, Harlem; Billy Bello, 151¾, Bronx, whipped Tito Velez, 153¼, Puerto Rico, and Les McFaddin, 141, Hempstead, L.I., split-decisioned Lahouari Godih, 140, Algeria. In a head-on collision in the fifth, Godih suffered an ugly gash which required six stitches after the bout. Angel Coloncito, 122, Puerto Rico, drew with Davey Ross, 127, Long Island City, in the opening four. Attendance was estimated at 2,000 and receipts at $3,500.

One of the most promising winning streaks in the New York metropolitan area suddenly met up with disaster when Johnny Tucker, 161, Brooklyn, was stopped by Johnny Alford, 161, Philadelphia, at 2:14 of the sixth at St. Nicholas Arena.

It was the first main event for Tucker who, in fourteen months of pro competition, had run off fourteen straight wins—one of them in a previous meeting with Alford in a Madison Square Garden preliminary.

This time, however, Alford was too much for him. The Philadelphian, with a style somewhat reminiscent of Ray Robinson's, had too many left hands for Tucker, and jabs and hooks banged into the Brooklynite with an almost monotonous regularity. By way of variety, Alford also scored well on occasion with a fast right.

Tucker absorbed particularly heavy punishment in the fifth and was a weary young man at the bell. Alford lost little time finishing matters in the sixth. He was belting Tucker at will when Referee Teddy Martin decided to call a halt.

Teddy Pagan, 161, Bronx, was a winner over Tommy Settles, 159, Jamaica, L.I., in the semi-final six. In fours, Johnny Blessas, 148, New Brunswick, N.J., whipped Miguel Martinez, 146½, Puerto Rico, and Angelo Soto, 125½, Harlem, outpointed Chocolate Colon, 125¼, Puerto Rico.

Attendance 809; gross receipts $1,624.80.

After an absence of ten months, Jose Gonzalez, 156, Puerto Rico, returned to his favorite battle pit, the St. Nicholas Arena, to slam-bang his way to a split 2-1 decision over lanky Kelvin Scott, 152, Trinidad, in an exciting ten.

In this meeting of West Indians, Scott was the better boxer and sharper puncher, but Gonzalez's tireless aggressiveness and lusty body punching were too much for him.

Gonzalez was penalized two rounds, the sixth and the seventh, for hitting low, but even with the loss of those sessions he was a clear winner on two of official scorecards. Referee Petey Della tabbed it 6-3-1 in his favor, and judge Sam Irom called it 7-3. The other judge, Marvin Goldberg, voted 5-4-1 for Scott.

Tony Fortunato, 152, Bronx, required less than one full round to dispose of Frankie Olivera, 155½, Puerto Rico, in the semi-final, scheduled for six. Olivera was down for the third time when the affair was automatically halted at 2:46.

Georgie Briggs, 142½, Brooklyn, was an easy winner over Larue Sherman, 143, Jersey City, in another six. In fours, Sid Marcus, 145½, Brooklyn, edged out Jose Badillo, 145½, Puerto Rico, and Guillermo Talavera, 147, Puerto Rico, decisioned Johnny Blessas, 147, New Bruswick, N.J.

The non-TV'd card attracted a turnout of 1,346 and receipts of $2,649.19.

BOXING FROM MONTREAL
By Wallace Brown

Eddie Quinn, Montreal's leading boxing and wrestling promoter has been suspended indefinitely by the Montreal Athletic Commission. Robert Cleroux leading heavyweight contender for Floyd Patterson's crown has been suspended by the N.B.A. for failing to live up to an October 18th return match with George Chuvalo. The venue of the fourth match between Cleroux and Chuvalo was to be the Maple Leaf Garden in Toronto.

Various reasons were given for the suspension of Quinn. Twelve hours before Archie Moore and Robert Cleroux were to engage in ten round bout, Quinn announced that he was cancelling the match due to a "sick box-office". Quinn who had guaranteed Moore $50,000 and Cleroux $15,000 had hoped for over a $100,00 gate, since both fighters were tremendously popular in Montreal. Figures ranging from $3,000 to $50,000 were given as advance sale of tickets on the morning of the bout. Negotiations with Jack Kearns, Moore's manager on the possibility of a cut on the guarantee failed and the fight cancelled. Facing the mayor and Montreal Athletic Commission at City Hall, Eddie Quinn had his license to promote boxing and wrestling in Montreal revoked. Cleroux, who is managed by Al Bachman must now defend his Canadian heavyweight title against George Chuvalo in Toronto before being reinstated by the National Boxing Commission.

▸ The 1961 Junior Provincial championships were run off the 12 and 13 of November at the St.-Jean Baptiste arena. The champions crowned were as follows: 112 lbs., G. Menard; 125 lbs., C. Bicard; 132 lbs., R. Lalonde; 139 lbs., J. P. Provost; 137 lbs., S. Spina; 156 lbs., C. Bureau; 175 lbs., S. Whittick and heavyweight M. Paiement.

▸ Five three rounders and five bouts at the five round distance comprised the card presented by Roger Larivee, head boxing coach at the Palestre Nationale. The results: 119 lbs., Pierre Sauve decisioned J. P. Provost; 125 lbs., Claude Castonquay kayoed G. Grenier (2); 139 lbs., Arthur Jones decisioned George Smirino; 147 lbs., Jacques Leduc decisioned Luc Cote. Five round bouts results were: 119 lbs., George Cherry decisioned Larry McGregor; 147 lbs., Mike Sprano decisioned Paul Provost; 147 lbs., Al (the old pro) Breault decisioned Jack McGregor; 156 lbs., Emidio Vespa decisioned Bob Rickman and 165 lbs., Ronald Jones kayoed Jean Dallaire (3).

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NEW MEXICO BOXING BEAT
By Jim Cleary

Joey Limas, Albuquerque, New Mexico welterweight, got back on the win column in taking a 5 round KO over Wichita's Hubert Jackson in the feature ten round bout held at the Albuquerque Civic Auditorium before 1,800 excited boxing fans. Limas at 146 lbs., the heaviest of his career, looked strong with the added poundage.

The first round found both boys sparring cautiously trying to feel each other out. The second round Limas caught Jackson with a terrific left hook to the stomach which sent him sprawling to the canvas. Jackson proved to have a lot of heart but was no match from here on in. Jackson hit the deck again in the third round. The fourth was all Limas. Referee Marshall Leach stopped the contest at the bell in the beginning of the fifth round. Limas is now in line for a match with the popular Gaspar Ortega.

In the six round semi-final, Lonnie Rufus, San Antonio, Texas, 166 lbs. and John Martin, Wichita, Kansas, 160, staged a real pier six brawl and had the fans standing on their feet. The winner, in a close battle, was Rufus in a six round decision.

In a special six, Johnny Brooks, 135, Wichita, Kansas, a promising newcomer took the measure over game Charlie "Chief" Sacks, 132, Henrietta, Oklahoma, in six rounds to a decision.

The matches were staged by Western American Champions Club.

▸ Up Santa Fe way Ed Benavidez, matchmaker and promoter for Santa Fe Sports Inc. staged a boxing show before 1,000 fans at Seth Hall, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

In the main ten rounder, fast rising Odessa Texas heavyweight, Big Al Gonzales ran up a streak of 15 straight wins in scoring a 2nd round KO over Denver's Luther Murphy.

Henry Dominguez, 130, Odessa Texas scored a four round KO over Albuquerque's Johnny Pacheco, 128, in the six round semi-final.

In a four rounder, Andy Maes, 156, Denver, Colorado, won a split decision over Billy McDonald, 160, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

▸ New Mexico Golden Glovers are hard at training and in our next issue we will have results from several different regions in the state. Yours truly has been appointed as Chief of officials in the Albuquerque regionals and for the New Mexico State Golden Glove Championships to be held at Roswell, New Mexico in February. This will be my 11th consecutive year to have such an honor here in New Mexico.

It's hard to believe that my first year as an official in the Golden Gloves was way back in 1940, the year Sugar Ray Robinson won the open 135 lb. class.

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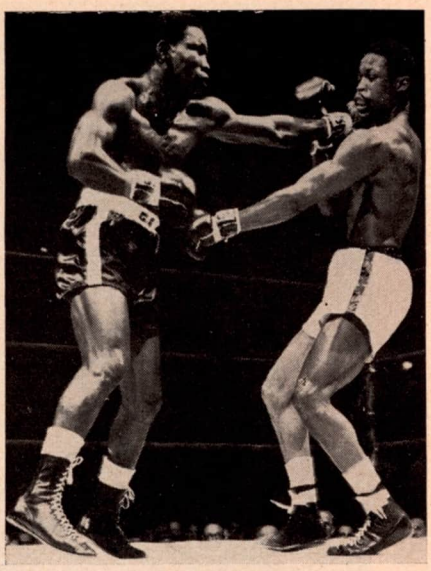

British Empire middleweight champion Dick Tiger lands a long left to the head of young New Yorker Billy Pickett during their ten rounder in Madison Square Garden. Tiger, showing the rust of a long layoff, nevertheless was a decisive winner and scored a knockdown along the way.

ARIZONA ROUND UP
By Al Fenn

ARNIE COTA-ROBLES merrily rolled along by winning an eight round main event over Chuck Flores at Phoenix Madison Square Garden. Robles weighed 139 and Flores 136. In the semiwindup, Gene Bryant, 165 of Tucson stopped Charlie Hall, 162, Phoenix in the third.

In other bouts, Jerry Flanagan, St. Paul in at 137, stopped Jesus Garcia, 132, Nogales in two; Maurie Swanberg, 126, Phoenix made his pro debut by defeating Manuel Diaz, 124, Nogales by TKO in the third; and Mario Luciano, 124, Mesa won a six rounder over Raul Correon, 123, Nogales.

▸ **GASPAR ORTEGA CAME TO town (Phoenix)** and knocked out Bobby Brown in 1:50 of the fourth in a Paavo Ketonen promoted bout. Ortega weighed 147, Brown 149. Up-and-coming Chilo Carranza, 123, Tucson, stopped George Rivera, 120, Jalisco, Mexico, in two. In other bouts, Bill Burk, 150, Phoenix, stopped Al Melendez, 160, in three; Maurie Swanberg, 125, stopped Chato Padilla, 120, in three, and veteran Bobby Bell, 133, decisioned Chuey Yanez, 126, Nogales.

▸ **IN A GOOD ACTION BOUT,** Arnie Cota-Robles, 138, won a decision over Frankie Soto, 139, Ajo, in eight. Fast rising lightweight Henry Olea, 137, took an eight-round decision over Al Andrews, 140, in the co-feature. Chilo Carranza, 122, won a six-rounder over onetimegreat Bobby Bell, 126, and Gene Bryant stopped Rudy Smith in six. Both weighed 162.

▸ **IN PRESCOTT'S FIRST boxing show in a long time,** Gaspar Ortega, 147, stopped Charlie Wright, 145, Phoenix, in the third. In one of the prelims Bill Burk, 149, Phoenix, stopped Willie Brown in the third.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST
By Ruggles Larson

TACOMA, WASHINGTON—George Wright, 160½, Tacoma, stretched Mel Ferguson, 157, Los Angeles, out for the full count in the first round with a devastating right hand.

Bobby Pasquale, 170, Tacoma, scored three knockdowns in the first round to T.K.O. Don Horn, 166, Seattle. Jimmy Shaw, 146, Seattle, showed promise in winning a four round split-decision over veteran Mike Gilman, 149, Seattle. Tommy Del Vecchio, 149, Van., B.C., T.K.O.'ed Bob Friedman, 147, Seattle, in the second with a smashing right hand. Harold Nelson, 141, Portland, Ore., T.K.O.'ed Jim Gordon, 138, Tacoma, in the second.

The Inigo Lucchesi promotion drew 870 fans, grossing $2,372.

BOISE, IDAHO – George Logan, 203, Boise, scored the 1961 Pacific Northwest upset of the year, by winning a ten round split-decision over Alejandro Lavaronte, 207, S.A.

Bob McKinney, Tacoma-Boise, 181, stopped Frankie Rowe, 180, Seattle, in the fourth. Johnny Pointer, 137, Seattle, TKO'ed Jim Merritt, 137, Seattle, in the second. Buddy McDonald, 142, Van., B.C., decisioned Ernie Gipson, 158, Seattle, in four. Gary Kuhnes, 191, Spokane, drew in four with Hugh Davey, 180, Los Angeles.

The Al Berro promotion drew a sellout crowd of 3,213.

▸ **TACOMA, WASHINGTON**—George Wright, 161, Tacoma, checked the determined body assault of J. C. Johnson, 158, Seattle, with savage combinations and stopped the bomb in the third round, signifying Wright a T.K.O. winner.

The prelims were all scheduled for six rounders: Cecil Mott, 143, Tacoma, kayoed Jimmy Cannon, 143, Portland. Sid Carter, 170, Seattle, decisioned Frankie Rowe, 179, Seattle. Dawson Carlisle, 126, Seattle, stopped Gene Jordan, 127, Victoria, B.C., in the first.

The Inigo Lucchesi promotion drew 701 fans, grossing $1,549.50.

▸ Bobby Brown, Longview, Wash., was stopped by Gaspar Ortega at Phoenix, Ariz.

NEW JERSEY BOXING RESULTS
By Lew Askin

The new year got off with a bang at the State Gardens in Union City as the fans caused a mild little riot following the main bout in which Referee Paul Caviler of Paterson awarded the decision to Carlos Quiles, 140, Bronx, over Marcel Bizien, 137½, Jersey City.

Marcel downed in the first came back strong in the second half of the fight, but failed to wipe out Quiles' early lead. The referee scored it 4-3-1.

In the semi-final Herschell Jacobs, 169, White Plains, won referee Mickey Greb's decision over clowning Felix Santiago, 161, Puerto Rico.

The quartet of four rounds were all action packed—Neil Pacilio, 143, Bayonne, edged out Don Silva, 150, Newark; Willie Jackson, 191, Elizabeth, won over Nat Hammer, 186, New York; Ramon Moran, 120, Puerto Rico received guest referee Willie Pep's verdict over Bobby Bruner, 114, West End and Sammy Richardson, 163, Stamford, Conn., won over Tommy Blackburn, 158, Newark, in a wild slugfest.

The show was a special night to honor oldtime Hoboken fighter Champ Seiger, and those on hand included movie star Tommy Sands, and champions Gene Fullmer, Emile Griffith, Carlos Ortiz and Willie Pep.

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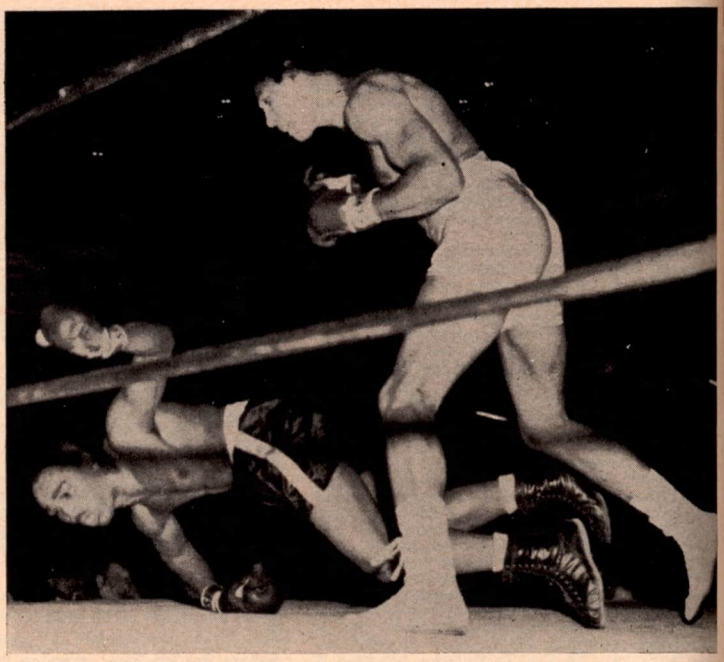


Alejandro Lavorante, Argentine contender, unleashed his potent right hand to knock out top light heavyweight Von Clay of Philadelphia in 1:10 of the second round of their bout at the Los Angeles' Olympic. The victory was a big one for Alejandro who is now in line for some big money shots.

A crowd of over 6,500 were on hand for the last show of 1961 in California.

By BILL MILLER

PERHAPS the presence of Archie Moore at the ringside served as an inspiration: be that as it may, Alejandro Lavorante scored a quick kayo over Von Clay at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A.

But just take a gander at the difference in weight and height. Lavorante, who hails from Argentina, weighed 206, stands 6'4"; Clay, Philadelphia, weighed 181, and stands 5'10".

"Mr. Lavorante has lots of speed and power," was the polite judgment of Mr. Archibald Moore. "I'd be very much interested in meeting him, say about March. It depends on the terms, of course."

The time was 1:10, Round 2. On hand, about 6,500, mostly Latins; the gate receipts, $16,100.

The gents of the press didn't agree on the modus operandi. John De La Vega, *Times*, said it was "a resounding left-right combination followed by a clean left hook." Sam Schnitzer, *Examiner*, saw it similarly: "Lavo connected with two straight, explosive rights . . . the third surge, the left-right-left combo, fell upon Clay's face, and the little guy crashed to the resin."

It goes in the record book as K.O. 2.

In the semi, slated for six, Billy Stephens, 183, scored a 5-round kayo over Jimmy Anders, 171. In another scheduled six, Louis Perez, 129, stopped Al Miranda, 129½, in the third. And in the four-round opener Willie Fortson, 164½, KO (1) over Henry Barnes, 163.

George Logan, 203, was the "hero" of an upset victory over 4th-ranked Alejandro Lavorante, 207, at Boise, Idaho—but there was a howl of protest from Pinky George, Lavorante's manager, that was heard all the way down to Los Angeles.

"Robbery!" complained Pinky. **"We wuz jobbed. I'm writing the Governor of Idaho about this."**

Referee Phil Uberage scored it 99-97 for Logan; Judge John Clifford voted 97-96, also for Logan. Judge John Lundy chose to differ: he voted 98-96 for Lavorante, and the U.P.I. went along with him, 95-93 for Lavorante.

It was Lavorante's second defeat in 20 pro starts; for Logan, his 23rd win in 30 pro starts against six defeats and one draw. Three of Logan's six setbacks were at the hands of Tom McNeeley—you remember Tom? Yeah, that's the lad. Floyd Patterson, you know.

▸ My good friend Mickey Davies, who is doing a yeoman job up at Bakersfield collaborating with Steve Strelich, sends down the coverage from Strelich Arena:

Benny Casing, 122, Stockton, was awarded a 7th round TKO over Pepino Morales, 124, Mexicali, before a capacity crowd. There were no knockdowns.

Of special interest was the six-round semi-final, in which Billy Stephan, 191, St. Louis and hometown heavyweight Willie McDonald, 202. Stephan sent McDonald to the showers in the fifth round, made a hit with the fans.

The fours: Johnny Bradley, 145, dec. Billy Wagoner, 145; Freddie Ball, 142, dec. Don Crider, 140; and Pete Rodriquez, 137, KO (2) over Ron Jones, 137.

The program was billed as the "Toys for Tots" card.

▸ Suey Welch, one of the best-known, best-liked veterans of boxing, has this to say about Gene Fullmer:

"He has no style," Suey told Sid Ziff, Sports Editor of the now defunct MIRROR, **"but put him in with a guy who comes to him and he looks great. He has the heart of a lion and he takes a helluva punch. As far as today's fighters go, he stands out."**

▸ Both Charley (Tiger) Smith and Hilario Morales were champions, but neither of their titles was at stake at San Francisco—Smith, 146¼, holds the California welter crown, and Morales, 148, claims the Mexican title.

Smith won the decision, but he had to get up from the canvas to do it.

The verdict was not particularly popular.

▸ Johnny Newman, 146, won his 15th straight at Long Beach Auditorium by trouncing Sergio Rodriquez, 146, Mexico, but it was a tight fit triumph. The undefeated Newman had to come from behind to turn the trick. On hand, 1,300. Going into the seventh, Rodriquez had a slight lead, but Newman pulled ahead in the closing rounds. There were no knockdowns.

In the six round semi, Lee Turner, 169, dec. Jimmy Andrews, 164. The fours: Willie Collins, 142, KO (2) over Don Starr, 140; Jerry Stokes, 128, dec. Jerry Forch, 131; and Mel Richardson, drew with Willie Cook, light-heavyweights.

▸ Herman Marquez, 117½, California bantam champ, faced a southpaw, Zurdo Pina, 117, for the first time in his career at the Olympic Auditorium, L.A., and he had to come from behind to grab the duke. He did, to the point that he won the unanimous decision.

Marquez, Stockton longshoreman, is the father of seven youngsters, which apparently puts him in line for another title.

It had been billed as a tune up for a title match with Eder Jofre of Brazil. On hand, about 2,500; the gate $3,500.

(For the benefit of those who might be interested, Zurdo is Spanish for "Lefty.")

The scoring: Referee Dick Young, 7-4; Judge Joey Olmos, 7-4 and Judge John Thomas, 7-2—all for Marquez.

A hard-fought six-round semi-final between Frankie Duarte, 119½ and Roberto Luna, 118, terminated as a split draw.

The five-rounders: Gary Champman, 152, dec. Carlos Cuellar, 154; and Louie Perez, 131, KO (2) over Jimmy Brown, 132.

▸ Ralph Gambina has been suspended by the State Athletic Commission for eleven months.—**"For taking 50% of a purse won by heavyweight boxer Reuben Vargas."**

▸ Under the imposing title of "United World Enterprises," a new boxing promotional venture was launched in Los Angeles. In honor of the occasion, there was a press luncheon: the purpose, to introduce members of the United World Enterprises to the gents of the press.

The best-known member, however—you may have heard of him; his name is Joe Louis—was not on hand when the guests started munchin' their luncheon but came in later. Seems that Joe's plane was grounded either in Las Vegas, or somewheres. He finally showed up. He was hungry, obviously.

Meanwhile, John L. Horn, president of the U.W.E., carried on.

Prominent mention was made of Sonny Liston, despite the fact that Liston is apparently persona non grata in California. There was frequent reference to February 19th, when the U.W.E. launched its first show at the Sports Arena.

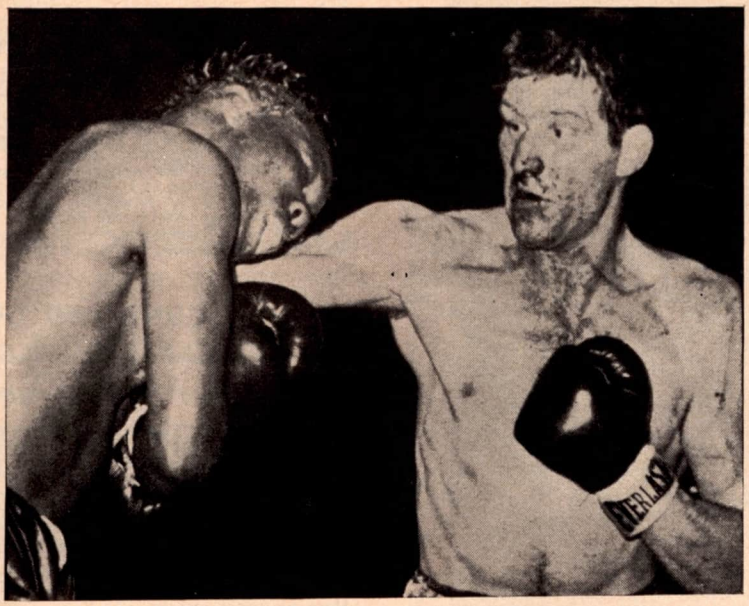
"Joe, as the matchmaker for the U.W.E., who will be featured on your first show?" asked one.

"Well, we've got some big names on the griddle," said the Bomber.

"I spoke to some important people when I was in New York—Liston, and Machen, and Patterson, and others."

"How about Patterson and Liston?" interrupted one of the other scribes.

"I spoke to Harry Markson—you all know him, he promotes those national TV fights—and he gave it to me straight. Said he couldn't do anything as of now."



British Empire Light heavyweight champion Chic Calderwood of Scotland made his American debut against Detroit middleweight Henry Hank in the "Motor City" and despite the fact that he took a sound drubbing made a hit with his courage and crowd pleasing style. Above photo shows Chic carrying the attack to his foe.

MICHIGAN FISTIC FACTS

By Jack Waina

When the final bell rang ending the ten rounder between Henry Hank and Scotland's Chic Calderwood at Detroit's Convention Arena, there was no doubt that the localite is equally a light heavy as well as middleweight title challenger. A crowd of around 7,500 turned out to see the bout and paid $35,000 at the gate with the profits going to the Children's Orthegenic School. The match was promoted by Max Handler's Detroit Boxing Club, with yours truly as matchmaker.

From the opening bell Hank, 168, set the pace. A left hook to the body of Calderwood dropped the Scot for a mandatory eight count. With blood flowing from his nose throughout the bout, Calderwood was game to the core but did not carry the guns of his much harder punching opponent. The decision in favor of Hank was unanimous.

Classy Gomeo Brennan, Angelo Dundee's middleweight, won the eight round semi-final from Sonny Hill, of Detroit.

In the night's best bout, Detroit lightheavies Ducky Dietz and Hurricane Bullock put on a real war that was nip-and-tuck throughout. The split six round decision in favor of the latter could have easily gone either way. The bout was a real crowd pleaser.

Osee Groom, Detroit heavyweight, made his first start in several years a winning effort over fellow townsman, Ben Wallace, after a real slugfest, and in the opener, Willie Fisher, middleweight stablemate of Calderwood's, scored a five round TKO over Billy Harris, of Detroit.

▸ C. W. Smith's welterweight Billy Collins had his five bout knockout winning streak halted by Cecil Shorts at Saint Nicholas Arena in New York. Collins dropped a ten round duke to the Clevelander. Earlier in the month the local Irishman stopped Richie Cortez in two rounds at the same site.

Collins started his knockout string at the Convention Arena for yours truly when he stopped Gaylord Barnes, Ronnie Cohen and Peter Schmidt in that order. Then he treked to Madison Square Garden where he halted Joe Scali.

▸ Wilfie Greaves, Canadian middleweight champion, renewed battle with five time champion Ray Robinson in Pittsburgh and lost. The rugged Greaves returned home claiming he was fast counted at :43 of the eighth round. Robinson was down for an eight count himself early in the heatly contested bout.

▸ **BEHIND THE HEADLINES** . . . George Sheppard appeared on the scene with promoters Willie Markowitz and George Breen and huddled with Henry Hank's manager, Harry Baxter, for the return appearance of the Detroit Bomber in their New Haven club. Hank stopped Jerry Luedee in the club's opening program, and was a hit. . . . Veteran trainer Whitey Bimstein's appearances here during recent Convention Arena shows has added considerable color to the local scene. Whitey is well liked. . . . Ted Wright treked over to London, England, where he fought to a draw with Mick Leahy in a ten rounder. . . . Another veteran and former all time great Dave Clark is handling the training chores for Joe Black, promising local middleweight.

NEW ORLEANS BOXING

By Ike Morales

Who's the official manager of Ralph Dupas?

Is it Whitey Esneault, who developed the New Orleans whiz-kid from the amateur ranks to a leading contender among the lightweights and welterweights? Or, is it Angelo Dundee, who signed a contract with Dupas after his pact with Esneault was completed? The court ruled that Angelo is out and Esneault is in but it appears a compromise will permit Dundee to act as a representative.

Following his Akins decision, Dupas was forced to cancel a Madison Square Garden TV fight with Gaspar Ortega because of a hip injury suffered in the Miami fight.

Then came the explosion!

The Louisiana State Court of Appeals held that Whitey Esneault is the legal manager of Dupas. In an opinion written by Judge Godfrey Z. Regan, the court ordered Esneault's suit remanded to civil district court for the purpose of issuing an injunction prohibiting the Louisiana State Athletic Commission and its members from recognizing anyone but Esneault as the manager of Dupas.

The suit was filed after the boxing commission, composed of Chairman Emile Bruneau, Secretary Otis Guichet and Pete Herman, ruled that Angelo Dundee was the fighter's manager. The count of the commission at the time was 2 to 1, with Chairman Bruneau dissenting.

Counsel for Dundee pointed out that the action of the State Court of Appeal in effect meant the fighter still has two managers.

The judgment held that the commission had not acted legally in giving its recognition to Dundee because of a provision of the state statutes which says that the chairman of the commission must concur in its decisions.

Ralph's victory over Virgil Akins was quite convincing. The three officials voted unanimously for the New Orleans boy, who is now in line for a shot at the winner of the proposed Griffith-Paret welterweight title bout. The Dupas-Akins gate totaled $6,000.

Despite the fact that the Giardello-Dupas fight grossed $24,000 during the year, boxing in New Orleans was below par during 1961. However, indications are that several big fights will be staged here during '62, with Ralph Dupas being mentioned for a number of top attractions. Ralph said he'd welcome an opportunity to fight Emile Griffith or Kid Paret.

▸ Crescent City boxing fans were elated to hear that Joe Brown was chosen as The Ring's "Fighter of the Year." Brown's proposed title fight with Carlos Ortiz at Las Vegas figures to be Joe's toughest since he lifted the lightweight crown from Wallace Bud Smith several years ago in New Orleans. Fact is, many of the old guard here feel Ortiz's young and ring skill may be too much for Old Bones.

▸ Andrew Monte said he would like to negotiate for a return bout between Joey Giardello and Ralph Dupas. The latter upset Joey here last year, but there are many who believe Giardello might turn the trick if given a second chance. It would be a good attraction, regardless.

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IN LATIN AMERICA

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By Selsso Tiborro

Boxing cards continued throughout December although quality was not first-class in all cases. We believe conditions will improve this year. Results were as follows:

▸ Ernesto Barrera, 112, decisioned Carlos Gomez, 112, in 10. Osito Galvan, 116, decisioned Jaime Perez, 114, in 8. Manuel Cerano, 133, decisioned Jeronimo Plata, 134, in 6. Bernabe Escobar, 126, stopped Ruben Vallejo, 125, in 2. Anastasio Cuellar, 134, beat Daniel Rivera, 136, in 4.

▸ Antonio Paniagua, 112, stopped Chocolate Rodriguez, 113, in 6. Chabelo Mejia, 113, decisioned Gabriel Beltran, 111, in 8. Pulgarcito Gutierrez, 112, decisioned Dimas Colin, 112, in 6. Samuel Castillo, 111, decisioned Armando Maldonado, 111, in 6. Felix Hernandez, 119, decisioned Alberto Campillo, 117, in 4.

▸ Memo Tellez, 118, decisioned Chuy Guerrero, 117, in 10. Victorio Guzman, 135, won from Negro Flores, 138, in 8. Porfirio Buendia, 126, stopped Omar Rivera, 125, in 2. Torito Gomez, 111, beat Felipe Valencia, 112, in 6. Martin Mondragon, 118, stopped Primo Molina, 118, in 2.

▸ Mario de Leon, 112, decisioned Mauro Miranda, 112, in 10. Daniel Valdez, 119, stopped Jorge Camacho, 118, in 6. Raymundo Zavala, 125, stopped Mario Rodriguez, 123, in 4. Jose Melquiades, 118, won from David Alcaraz, 117, in 6. Benito Mejia, 115, decisioned Samuel Juarez, 113, in 4.

▸ Mario Diaz, 126, decisioned Chu Chu Gutierrez, 125, in 10. Marceliano Diaz, 118, stopped Raton Perez, 117, in 7. Rolando Martinez, 119, won from Luis Ramirez, 119, in 6. Ernesto Melgoza, 116, decisioned Mario Garcia, 110, in 6. Chucho Trejo, 115, beat Francisco Trejo, 115, in 4.

▸ Alberto Soto, 125, stopped Lauro Garcia, 126, in 8. Delfino Martinez, 125, decisioned Cuco Rodriguez, 125, in 8. Enrique Cordoba, 112, won from Torito Gomez, 113, in 6. Alfonso Lugo, 118, decisioned Benito Aguila, 117, in 6. Nicolas Ruiz, 133, decisioned Miguel Rodriguez, 134, in 4.

▸ Nacho Escalante, 117, beat Miguel Paredes, 119, in 10. Rosendo Martinez, 125, won from Jose Aparicio, 126, in 8. Alberto Cervantes, 118, decisioned Carlos Aviles, 118, in 6. Pajarito Corona, 117, defeated Gustavo Martinez, 118, by disqualification, in 4. Cesareo Cuellar, 136, decisioned Javier Ruiz, 135, in 4.

▸ Hermelindo Mondragon, 125, stopped Max Huerta, 127, in 9. Arcadio Medina, 116, decisioned Mosco Rodriguez, 119, in 8. Bernabe Escobar, 125, won from Fernando Garcia, 126, in 6. Fernando Sotelo, 126, beat Javier Torres, 126, in 6. Alejandro Corchado, 110, stopped Conchito Marquez, 113, in 3.

▸ Efren Jimenez, 122, decisioned American Teddy Rand, 126, in 10. Victorio Guzman, 135, stopped Amado Baños, 132, in 4. Cachorro Nucamendi, 123, stopped Angel Perez, 127, in 3. Pedro Zapata, 117, decisioned Miguel Castro, 117, in 6. Placido Rodriguez, 127, stopped Ramon Hernandez, 122, in the fourth and last round.

BOXING IN ARGENTINE

By Simon Bronenberg and Alfredo Porzio

▸ **MENDOZA.**—In the lightweight division, Argentine champion Nicolino Locche outpointed Pedro Benelli in a non-title bout in 10 rounds.

▸ **BAHIA BLANCA.**—In the welter class, Esteban Osuna lost his title to Rogelio André, 10 rounds.

▸ **SANTA FE.**—Raul Ulieldin and Ramón Vargas, drew in 10. They are welters.

▸ **ROSARIO.**—At the "Norte" ring, welterweight Guillermo Hairasca outpointed Orlando Sala in 10.

▸ **CORDOBA.**—In the welter division, Ramón Prieto won on points over Kid Roldan in 10 rounds.

▸ **TUCUMAN.**—Ontonio Rivera kayoed Ramón Perez in two and José Eccli outpointed in 10 Victor Lazarte. They are welters.

▸ **JOSE INGENIEROS.**—Undefeated Abel Laudonio, a lightweight, kayoed Terencio Gutierrez in two.

▸ **PERGAMINO.**—In the light class, Julio Ruiz Diaz outpointed Juan C. Ramirez in 10.

▸ **LA PLATA.**—In the welter division, Abel White kayoed Enrique Vera in three.

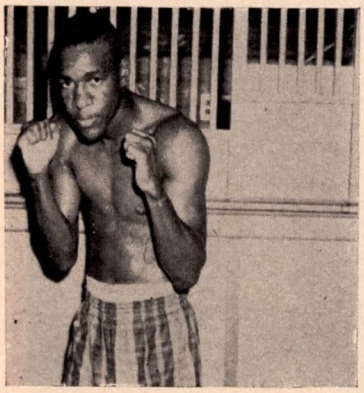
▸ **BUENOS AIRES.**—In a hard bout, Argentine and South American champion Hora cio Acavvallo outpointed Jesus "Chucho" Hernandez, from Mexico, in 10.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES.**—At the Luna Park ring, undefeated welterweight Ramón La Cruz won by a T.K.O. in 7th round over Rubén Arocha.

▸ **CORDOBA.**—Undefeated welterweight Francisco Quinteros, kayoed Raúl Barrionuevo in 4.

▸ **CONCEPCION.**—In the welter class, Luis Roldan outpointed Raúl Mottola in 10.

▸ **ROSARIO.**—At the "Norte" ring in the light class, undefeated Juan Carlos Unzuga outpointed Luis Monzón in 10. On the same night, flyweight Julio Romero outpointed in 10 Fidel Folch.



Rodolfo (Tito) Marshall, Panama National lightweight champion, who scored the biggest win of his career when he upset Bunny Grant of Jamaica. Tito has been boxing as a pro since 1956 and has a record of seven losses in thirty two fights, but he has lost only two fights since 1958.

▸ **BAHIA BLANCA.**—In the light class at the Salon de los Deportes ring, Adan Gomez won by a T.K.O. in the 5th over Cesar Farias.

▸ **MENDOZA.**—In the light class, Nuncio Canistra and Gerardo Perez, drew in 10 rounds.

▸ **FAMAILLA.**—In the bantam division, Aldo Perez outpointed Santiago Joseff in 10.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES.**—For the Argentine feather title Gamboa, the champ, drew in 12 rounds with Roberto Palavecino in a hard and very interesting bout.

▸ **TUCUMAN.**—Antonio De Leo outpointed Eudoro Robledo, in 10 in a welter bout and in the same class, Mauro Acosta outpointed Juan Carlos Velardez in 10.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES.**—At the Luna Park ring and in the middle class, Victor Zalazar kayoed Hugo Danielli in six.

▸ **TUCUMAN.**—In the bantam class, Santiago Joseff outpointed in 10 rounds Roberto Gonzalez.

▸ **TUCUMAN.**—Three bouts on the same night and in the same weight: Juan Carlos Roldán kayoed Luis Roldan in seven; Antonio Rivera, drew in 10 with José Tula and Oscar Miranda outpointed in 10 Emilio Alé Ali.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES.—At the Luna Park ring,** Argentine Champion Nicolino Locohe, in the lightweight division, won on points over Vicente Derado.

▸ **FAMAILLA.**—In the bantam division, Aldo Perez outpointed Manuel Albarracin in 10.

▸ **MONTEROS.**—In the light division, Rodolfo Mendoza won on points over Jose Plaza in 10 and in the welter class, Gustavo Montenegro outpointed in 10 Rodolfo Alvarez.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES.—At the Luna Park ring** and in the feather class, Victorio Cespedes won on points in 10 rounds over José Casas.

▸ **TUCUMAN.**—In the welter class, undefeated Ramón La Cruz kayoed Mauro Acosta in 4.

▸ **TEMPERLEY.**—In his first professional bout light heavyweight Eduardo Corlett outpointed in 10 the veteran Aurelio Diaz. Corletti was the Argentine representative in Chicago in 1959 and in the Olympic Games of Roma, in heavy class.

▸ **CORDOBA.**—In the flyweight ex-world champion Pascual Perez outpointed in 10 rounds Rodolfo Trivis who had only two professional bouts.

▸ **PARANA.**—In the middle class, Ramon Perelló kayoed in first round veteran José Balbi.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES.**—At the "Almagro Boxing" ring, undefeated Abel Laudonio kayoed Pedro Arias in two.

▸ **ARRECIFES.**—In his first professional bout, Celedonio Lima kayoed Alberto Fernandez in two. Lima was the Argentina representative in the Olympic Games at Roma in the welter class.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES.—At the Luna Park ring** and for the Argentine welter title, Luis Federico Thompson outpointed in 12 rounds Juan Carlos Ducay, third, in the Argentine "ranking."

▸ **BUENOS AIRES.**—In the welter class at the Luna Park ring, Francisco Quinteros kayoed in second round Cruz Dominguez. Quinteros is a hard puncher, a good prospect and undefeated.

▸ **CORDOBA.**—On the same night and in the welter class, Osvaldo Piazza kayoed in 4th Kid Roldan and Osvaldo Noel outpointed in 10 Luis Andrada.

▸ **ROSARIO.**—In the welter class, Pedro Almagro, local champion, lost in 10 rounds Juan Carlos Junco in a non-title bout.

▸ **MALAVER.**—Undefeated middleweight Ignacio Magellanes won by a T.K.O. in the 8th over Juan C. Gomez.

▸ **BUENOS AIRES.**—In the light class, Manuel Alvarez outpointed in 10 rounds Vicente Derado. He was the last reunion in 1961 year.

▸ **SAN JUAN.**—In the welterweight class Dante Rodriguez outpointed in 10 Alfredo Paz.

▸ **CORDOBA.**—South American light champion Jaime Giné outpointed Pedro Benelli in 10.

▸ **SANTA FE.**—Undefeated middle weight Ignacio Magallanes outpointed Francisco Buccio in 10.

LA LAGUNA AND THE MEXICAN PROVINCES

By Miguel Ramirez Aznar

FIRST TIME IN OUR LOCAL BOXING HISTORY, there was not a fight in La Laguna territory during the last month. The Dipp Bros. were too angry during the period to find time to promote at their little Arena "Olimpica" of Gomez Palacio because their star, Sugar Zatarain, deserted them and went with his manager, Manuel Mateos to Mexicali, where he fought Kid Iraputo and Zatarain lost a clean cut decision and the Dipp Brothers lost their heads. That's why there was no boxing in the Olimpica of Gomez Palacio. Here are other results:

▸ **JUCHITAN:-** Raciel Mendoza, 119, got the 10-round duke over Merengue Junior, 118.

▸ **VERACRUZ:-** Fallo Altamirano, 127, kayoed Cherokee Rojas, 126, in the fourth round. Lino Prieto, 120, decisioned "Gato" Lopez, 121, in eight. Jose Suarez, 115, kayoed "Torito" Lopez, 114, in the sixth.

▸ **HUACHINANGO:-** Marceliano Diaz, 117, outpointed Jorge Aguilar, 117, in ten. Luis Silva, 124, whipped Kid Villada, 123.

▸ **MOCHIS:-** Pedro Perez 'Chihuahua Kid," 136, pupil of my very good friend Carlitos Arenas, easily outscored high ranked Tony Perez, 134, in ten hard rounds. Polo Navarro, 123, and "Chilango" Gomez, 122, drew after ten heats.

▸ **GUADALAJARA:-** Gildo "Paton" Montoya, 144, upset Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 145, in ten rounds. "Texano" Hurtado, 140, whipped "Chico" Rodriguez, 140, in other tenner.

▸ **MONTERREY:-** Jesus "Chuy" Pruneda, 116, kayoed "Chamaco" Huesca, 117, in the eighth. Javier Camacho, 123, bested Juan Castillo, 121, in the 10-rounder semi-final.

▸ **NUEVO LAREDO:-** Ruben Rivera, 135, stopped Elias "Gallito" Reyes, 133, in the fifth. "Ardilla" Garcia, 125, defeated Jimmy Lopez, 129, in ten.

▸ **ACAPULCO:-** Nabor "Generalito" Gonzalez, 115, kayoed Gregorio "Goyo" Sanchez, 118, in four. Jose Luis Dominguez, 114, bested Marcelino Lorenzo, 112, in ten.

▸ **HERMOSILLO:-** Sergio Muzquiz, 132, and Octaviano "Gringo" Lopez, 134, in ten.

▸ **TEPIC:-** "Alacran" Torres, 115, kayoed "Chocolate" Barrera, 117, in the fourth. Barrera was on the canvas by three times. Jesus Verdin, 121, and Kid Montoya, 123, drew in 8.

▸ **TONALA:-** Filiberto "Fili" Nava, 130, was held to a 10-round draw by newcomer "Pichi" Martinez, 128. Raymundo "Chino" Vera, 125, bested "Torito" Aguilar, 126.

▸ **MAZATLAN:-** Anselmo Hernandez, 138, kayoed Ruben "Chato" Cadena, 135, in the tenth round.

▸ **CAMINOS:-** Juan Lopez Sanchez, 124, Aguascalientes, kayoed Francisco Castaneda, 127, in the fifth. Santos Castañeda, 134, kid brother of Francisco, stopped Angel Guadarrama, 135, in the second. Alvaro Sosa, 132, iced Cecilio Ramirez, 133, in the first round. Homobono Silva, 118, bested Eduardo Flores, 117, in four. Filomena Reyes, 112, outscored Luis Azcorra, 111, in other 4-rounder.

▸ **LEON:-** Ricardo "Pajarito" Moreno, 129, won by disqualification over Teddy Rand, 128, in five. Vicente Saldivar, 128, kayoed Juan Rodriguez, 129, in the sixth. Mike Valdez, 123, kayoed Carlos Merino, 122.

▸ **MEXICALI:-** Ramon Perez "Kid Iraputo," 128, whipped sensational youngster, Javier "Sugar" Zatarain, 127, in ten. Alfredo Romero, 128, and Gabriel Brambila, 129, drew in 10 after ten heats.

▸ **CUERNAVACA:-** Jose "Toluco" Lopez, 125, scored a 9-round technical decision over Ernesto Beltran, 124. Gil Escobar, 122, whipped Ruben Montes de Oca, 123.

▸ **JUAREZ:-** Edmundo "Mundo" Esparza, 121, kayoed Manny Elias, 120, in the sixth. Marvin Carter, 138, stopped Tony Sanchez, 136, in the sixth.

▸ **VILLAHERMOSA:-** Indio Fernandez, 128, kayoed Chucho Perez "Mano Negra," 126, in the third. Rafael Rodriguez, 130, whipped veteran Kid Campeche, 129, in ten.

▸ **PACHUCA:-** Sergio Gomez, 134, kayoed Ray Reyes, 133, in the eighth.

▸ **POZA RICA:-** Chilo Barranco, 125, bested Ray Zamora, 126, in ten rounds and won the Veracruz State Featherweight Championship. David Becerril, 130, decisioned Angel Ortega, 131, also in ten heats.

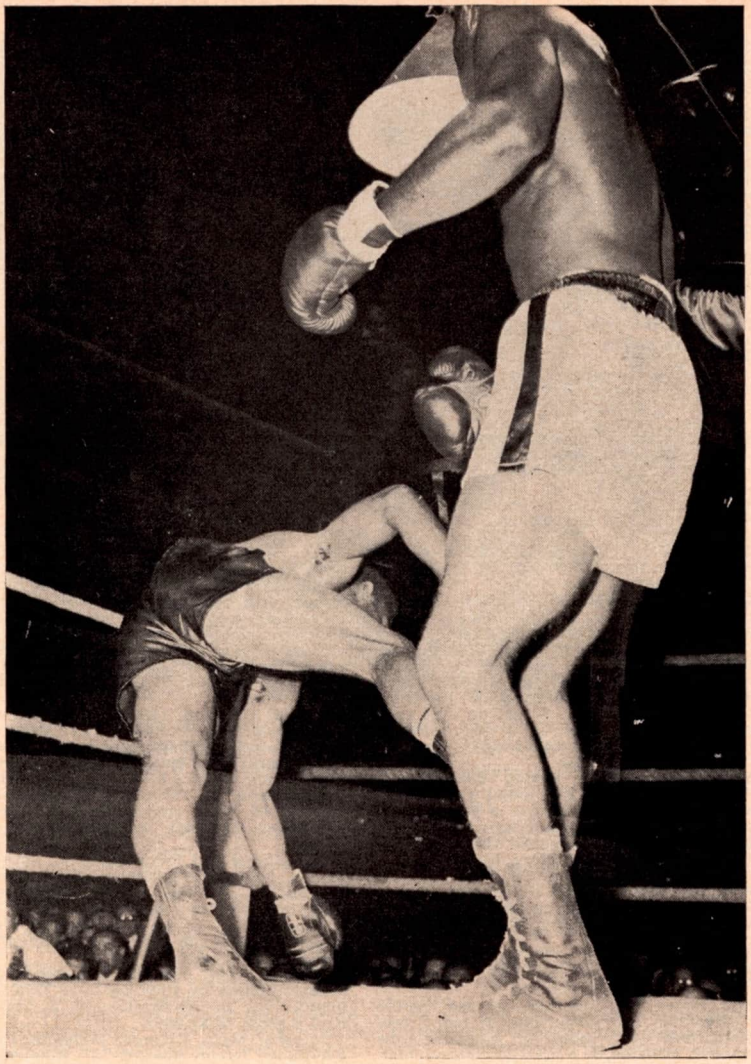
HUACHINANGO:- Arturo Macias, 145, only needed one round to stop "Coyote" Sarabia, 147.
GUADALAJARA:- Vicente Garcia, 115, local newcomer, scored a clean cut 10-round decision over Eduardo "Raton" Mojica, 114, Nicaragua, C.A. Luis "Chamaco" Hernandez, 125, Durango, kayoed Jorge "Pajaro" Gonzalez, 126, Tijuana, in four.
ACAPULCO:- Juan Ibares, 123, local mulatto, was too wise and experienced for Guadalajara's Moi Torres, 122. Ibares got the decision in 10. Esteban Figuerosa, 121, kayoed "Toro" Navarrete, 118, in the sixth.
MONTERREY:- Clever Durango southpaw Jorge "Zurdo" Salazar, 119, halted Alex "Piteco" Jimenez, 117, Mexico City, in the seventh. Guillermo "Memo" Ruiz, 126, stopped Rafael Sotelo, 125, in the third.
TEPIC:- "Indio" Fernandez, 127, kayoed Javier "Calaco" Leon, 125, in six. "Gallito" Gonzalez, 125, won by disqualification over Luis Palafox, 124, in seven. Chacon Chico, 125, kayoed "Chamaco" Martinez, 124, in the tenth.
CAMINOS:- Eduardo Benitez, 114, whipped Mario "Papelero" Ortega, 113, Veracruz, in ten well-fought rounds. Nacho Dominguez, 125, decisioned Edmundo Martinez, 125, in 8. Polo Cespedes, 118, kayoed Chato Godinez, 117, in the sixth. Silvano Sanchez, 118, put to sleep Lucio Villafuerte, 117, in the second. Genaro Gaytan, 117, defeated Kiko Gutierrez, 118, in four. Gregorio Cruz, 110, bested Roberto Leguizamo, 109, also in 4.
MEXICALI:- Hector "Shorty" Agundez, 123, upset favorite Carlos Hernandez, 119, in ten.
REYNOSA:- "Pollo" Gabiño, 132, easily decisioned Hector Ramirez, 131, Monterrey, in ten. "Chilo" Garcia, 121, kayoed "Torito" Montes, 123, in the fifth.
TIJUANA:- "Pulga" Serrano, 125, kayoed Jose Rivera, 126, in four. "Gorila" Flores III, 130, embalmed Miguel Orona, 130, La Laguna, in the third.
PUEBLA:- The upset of the month! Second class fighter Rafael Camacho, 131, won by disqualification over the highly ranked Cuban, Ultiminio "Sugar" Ramos, 131, in the fourth round. A butt was the cause. And so, Mr. Ultiminio lost the first fight of his career.

Tony Sanchez, 132, iced veteran Adrian "Bombom" Kiriz, 128, in the very first round; Gustavo Sosa, 124, bested Miguel Diaz, 123, in ten heats.
HUACHINANGO:- "Osito" Galvan, 114, easily outpointed Memo Vega, 118, in ten. In the 10-round semifinal, Jose Mendez, 132, stopped Bernabe Escobar, 130, in the first.
OBREGON:- Trinidad "Negro" Veloz, 144, scored a clean 7-round kayo triumph over hard hitter veteran Alfredo "Molote" Cota, 145.
MAZATLAN:- Sergio Gomez, 132, kayoed Joe Arias, 129, in the third.
MONTERREY:- "Pajaro" Gonzalez, 125, Reynosa, bested Fernando Gomez, 126, in ten.
ACAPULCO:- Roberto "Charrito" Gomez, 126, kayoed Panchito "Chico" Ramirez, 125, in the ninth round. Gil Escobar, 115, bested "Azabache" Aguilar, 114, in ten.
GUADALAJARA:- Carlos "Calucas" Rios, 135, La Laguana, held veteran Humberto Martinez "Kid Anahuac," 133, Reynosa, to a 9-round technical draw. "Chocolate" Zambrano, 122, bested Evaristo Perez, 118, in eight rounds.
TEPIC:- David Cervantes, 145, outscored Ramon "Texano" Hurtado, 144, in ten rounds. "Huracan" Hernandez, 126, kayoed Florentino Avalos, 125, in the third.
CAMINOS:- Pedro "Chamaco" Tellez, 117, bested Adalberto Martinez, 120, in ten. Jorge Renteria, 110, whipped Doroteo "Pollo" Lara, 111, in ten rounds. Jose Luna, 109, decisioned Raul "Rayito" Amaya, 110, in six. Chale Flores, 125, stopped Pedro Ahumada, 124, in the second.
MOCHIS:- Rodolfo "Chivo" Diaz, 145, La Laguna, kayoed Beto Gerardo, 144, in the fourth.
MONTERREY:- Ruben Rivera, 140, halted Fidencio Ramirez, 138, Acapulco, in the seventh. "Ardilla" Garcia, 125, stopped Panchito Hernandez, 124, in the fifth.
GUADALAJARA:- Jorge Ceja, 126, Mexico City, put to sleep Julio Zuñiga, 125, Monterrey, in the last round of their scheduled tenner. Anselmo Hernandez, 134, whipped Antonio "Babe" Reyes, 135, in the 10-round semifinal.
ACAPULCO:- Nicolas Sanchez, 132, challenger, decisioned Alex Arenas, 134, in 12 rounds to win the Guerrero State Lightweight Championship. Gustavo Garcia, 145, kayoed Domingo Camacho, 147, in the second.
MONTERREY:- "Pollo" Gabiño, 135, Reynosa, beat undefeated newcomer Jose Yermen, 132 in 10.
ACAPULCO:- Babe Lopez, 112, outpointed "Raton" Mojica, 115, Nicaragua, in ten. "Gato" Navarrete, 115, bested Gil Escobar, 116.
GUADALAJARA:- "Chico" Rodriguez, 145, got the 10-round duke over Cisco Kid, 143, Mexico City. Jorge Rosales, 132, whipped veteran Jesus Celes, 138, in ten rounds.

BOXING IN PERU
By Prof. Wilfred Stephenson

More than 9,000 persons saw Mauro Mina, the Peruvian light heavyweight champion, gain his ninth victory of the year two days after Christmas when he defeated Allan Harmon of Jamaica, British West Indies, scoring a knockout in the third round with a left hook. Promoter Max Aguirre hopes to import boxers of better ability than Harmon for the Peruvian.

In the semi-final, Jimmy Beechman of Miami was disqualified for low hitting against Homero Gutierrez. Guillermo Deutchmann gained a points decision over Che Mansur in ten rounds.



Peruvian light heavyweight contender Mauro Mina closed out 1961 with an impressive three round kayo over Allan Harmon of Jamaica in Lima. A few weeks later Harmon held top ranking Henry Hank to a draw, adding more luster to Mauro's record.

BOXING IN TRINIDAD
By George C. Beckles

In a tough battle, a left hook by Caesar Barrow, British Guiana, lightweight champion, gained for him an eight round TKO over Francisco Barraez, of Venezuela, in the eighth round.

In the supporting bouts, Cecil McIntosh, 132, outpointed Leon Marshall, 135, in 6.

Joseph Primo, 124½, stopped Ivelaw Eastman, in 2 minutes 25 seconds of the fourth round.

Henry Jack, 132, scored an easy TKO over Cecil Bunbury in the second round.

BOXING IN YUCATAN
By Eduardo Amer G.

MERIDA, YUC: Kid Neon (Jesse Lozano), 140, of Campeche, iced Benjamin Ricalde, 138, in the very first round. Joe Berzunza, 135, won by a technical knockout over Jesus "Chucho" Oliva, 137, Mexico City, in the fifth. Wenceslao "Zurdo" Sánchez, 118, nailed Gil Martinez, 112, in the opening heat. Aparecido Chessman, 119, lost on points to Chamaco Briceño, 120, in 4 and Panterita de Izamal (not the veteran boxer with the same name), 112, TKO'd Santiago Estrella, 113, in the 4th.
MERIDA, YUC: Baby Boy, 115, put to sleep Raton Pacheco, 113, in only three rolls. Pastor Medina, 114, stopped Wenceslao "Zurdo" Sanchez, 118, in 3. Sixto Campos, 125, kayoed Kid Papas, 124, also in 3. Baby Caballero, 108, defeated Conejo Santos, 108, in 4. Delio Duran, 108, halted Chamaco Vazquez, 108, in 3.
MERIDA, YUC: Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 120, upset Luis Quijano, 126, in 6 rounds. Leoncito Peralta, 136, beat Jesus "Chuco" Oliva, 135, in six rounds. Ariel Rios, 117, won from Baby Albornoz, 119, by a disqualification in three. Gil Martinez, 112, stopped Rach Camara, 112, in the second roll.
CAMPECHE, CAMP: Leoncito Peralta, 137, tko'd Dempsey Campechano, 139, in only 3 rounds. Tigre de Santa Lucia, 126, won from Luis Miranda, 124, in 6. Jose Castillo, 130, and Kid Arroz, 130, drew in 6. Aparecido Chessman, 119, bested Terrible Cantun, 120, also in 6.
CAMPECHE, CAMP: Silverio "Chamaco" Ortiz, 120, obtained a clean cut decision triumph over Baby Lizarraga, 127, in 8 rounds. Baby Albornoz, 119, got the duke over Kid Balankan, 122, 8.
PUEBLA, PUE: Zurdo Aparecido (Carlos Navarrete), 115, of Yucatan, easily whipped Nacho Duran, 115, in 6 rounds.

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BOXING IN PANAMA
by Juan Copeland

Panama National Gym . . . Panama lightweight champion Rodolfo (Tito) Marshall, 136, gained the biggest victory of his career when he fought his way to close disputed split decision win over Bunny Grant, 135½, Jamaica. Like their first meeting in October, this was a rough brawl in which both fighters were warned by the referee for foul tactics.

The large crowd was pleased with the fight but not the decision and a rubber match is in order.

Freddy McKay, 137¼, knocked out Angel Ayala, 130, in 2:40 of the fifth round in the semi-final. In the other bouts, Benito Lasso, 139¾ stopped Rolly McKay, 132 in 2:10 of the third round and Victor Andrade, 122¾, won over Jose Villa, 120, in the opening four rounder.

TEXAS BOXING NEWS
By Harlan Haas

Beaumont, Texas, Bill Plattsmier, Promoter—Bill Plattsmier, the Beaumont fistic impresario, seems to find a spot on his shows for veteran fighters, and they usually respond by making the battle of their lives to the delight of the fans. One of these was Nolan Duplessis of New Orleans. The Crescent City scrapper has been around the money ranks for over eight years with no particular success, but has been doing okay for himself in Beaumont. He slam banged to a 10-round draw with the capable Dallas boxer Henry Watson. Nolan scaled, 143½, Watson the same. In the semi-final, Vic Graffo, 140, Port Arthur, came back from the brink of defeat to stop Ollie Blackshear, 133, in the sixth frame. Sylvan Carlan, 139, Beaumont, turned the lights out for Willie Hicks, 136, Odessa, in the second, and Al Levine, 164, whipped Tom Johnson, 165, in a fast four.

▸ **San Antonio, Texas, Tony Padilla, Promoter**—Luis Leija, 121¼, won a 10-rounder from Ladelado Perez, 120½. Humberto Barrera, 120½, looking magnificent in his eight round victory over Alberto Cantu Cortez, 121¼. Barrera is the Robstown schoolboy who starred as a member of the U.S. Olympic team, and who was spoken of in glowing words by Ring's Editor, Nat Fleischer, at that time. Javier Ovalle, 135, kayoed Leon Amie, 135, in three, and Enrique Trevino, 146½, whipped Angel Reynosa, 148½, in a four.

▸ **Beaumont, Texas, Bill Plattsmier, Promoter**—Veteran Nolan Duplessis, 142, had his playhouse scrambled when he was stopped in the seventh round by roundhouse walloper Earl Citizen, 145. A rematch might be in the making.

Vic Graffio, 136, Port Arthur, stopped Jose "Chu Chu" Alvarez, 135, Monterrey, in the third round of a scheduled 10. Al Levine, 164, decisioned Lou Jenkins, 164, in a six. Clarence Boone, 172, and Abraham Keyes, 167½, battled it out to a four round draw.

▸ **Houston, Texas, Texas Boxing Enterprises**—Cleve "Big Cat" Williams, 210, didn't waste much time with one Jim Wiley, 190, out of Philadelpha. The brave (for taking the fight he's that) Philly scrapper was like Goliath against the Giant, but unlike Goliath he had no artillery. It was all over in 44 seconds of round one.

Another 10-rounder found thunderous punching Tod Herring, a great local favorite, put veteran Johnny "Eli" Rogalle, Long Island, on ice in the second round.

Garland "Rip" Randall, 147, Tyler, got the nod over hustling Freddy Jackson, 139, Chicago, in a fast and furious eight rounder.

George Price, 166, Houston, kayoed Harold "Tiger" Redman, 160, Beaumont, in round two. Johnny Cordray, 137, Houston, whipped Ardis Douglas, 132, Houston, in a bruising four rounder. Otis Lee, 194, Houston, outboxed Charley Roberts, 198, Houston, in a pleasing four rounder. The 6-5 Lee was making his bow as a pro, and is a boy to keep your eye on. He can fight.

IN AND AROUND PHILADELPHIA
By Archie Pirolli

▸ Carlos Hernandez, Venezuelan lightweight Champion, won the unanimous 10-round decision from Afredo Urbina, lightweight champion of Mexico at the Arena in a benefit show for Boy's Village and promoted by Al Lewis. Urbina was bitter because he thought he deserved the verdict. As he did in his first fight here with Len Matthews a year ago, he was too slow warming up and forfeited the first half of the battle to Hernandez. It was too late when he finally got into it and began hitting the Venezuelan with vicious jabs, hooks and right hand leads.

Nelson Estrada, 123-pound stablemate of Hernandez, scored two knockdowns in winning a six round decision from Carl Baldwin, 122, of Canada, in six rounds.

Stanley Hayward, 149, received the unpopular verdict over fellow Philadelphian Clarence Collins, 147, after a thrilling eight-round semi-windup. Tom Lowry, 132, Phila., flattened Willie Green, 130, Trenton, for the full count in the third round. Lenny Brown, 146, Philadelphia, decisioned Tony Curcio, 146, Phila., and Eddie Harris, 166, Phila., outpointed Clarence Preston, Phila., in four rounds.

▸ Dick Young and Percy Manning, both Philadelphians, kept their unbeaten streaks intact with impressive victories at the Alhambra Boxing Club, promoted by Jimmy Riggio.

Young, 159, scored a unanimous eight-round decision over Willie Grey, 155, Washington, D.C., for his 16th straight win.

Manning, 144, scored his eighth knockout in as many bouts by stopping Dave Wyatt, 140, Arlington, Va., in the first round. A crowd of 403 paid a gross of $1,000.

In other bouts, Clarence Williams, 136, Phila., decisioned Johnny Howard, 130, Washington, D.C., six rounds. Frank De Vuono, 160, Phila., knocked out Milton Carr, 156, Phila., first round and Lenny Brown, 147, Phila., KO'd Jimmy Frazier, 147, Phila., in the first round.

BLUE HORIZON ARENA—Charley Scott, Phila., scored a unanimous 10-round decision over Kid Rayo, 146, Los Angeles.

Scott displayed his well known left hook and a sneaky right throughout and Rayo was no match for Scott. The crowd of 800 paid $1,858 gross and was the best for promoter Marty Kramer since he started the Madison Square Garden-subsidized shows.

In a pleasing six-round semi-windup, Johnny Knight, 140, Phila., decisioned Walter Wallace, 137, Phila. In other bouts, Willie Littles, 129, Phila., knocked out Nick Vito, 127, Phila., in the first round; Jose Meyers, 145, Chester, decisioned Tom Jones, 152, Blackwood, N.J., four rounds, and Bernie D'Angelo, 138, Phila., outpointed Joe Lowry, 139, Phila., four rounds.

▸ **CONVENTION HALL**—Jessie Smith, former Philadelphia middleweight now fighting out of Chicago, flattened Al Avant early in the first round on the Liston-Westphal card.

In other bouts, Ernie Terrell, 195, Chicago, battered Ernie Cobb, 210, New York, for a technical knockout in the third round.

Dale Robertson, 150, ko'd Bobby Dean, 144, in the first round. Bernie D'Angelo, 139, won a decision from Joe Lowry, 130, four rounds.

▸ **BLUE HORIZON ARENA**—Orie Paschall, 188, Philadelphia's promising slugger-puncher made short work of substitute Tom Nelson, 180, Phila., by scoring a second round knockout in the main event at the Blue Horizon Arena in a show promoted by Marty Kramer.

Nelson was floored as the first round ended and was unable to answer the bell for the second round.

In the six-round semi-windup, Marty Feldman, Phila. middleweight, knocked out Chico Corsey, Chester, in the sixth round. In other bouts, Lee Phillips, 169, Phila., TKO'd Johnny Mohnke, 170, Norristown, in the final round; Leroy Roberts, 151, Norristown, decisioned Young Joe Walcott, 147, Bridgeton, N.J., and Jimmy Hairston, 159, Philadelphia knocked out Cornelius McPhail, 158, Baltimore, first round.

▸ **BLUE HORIZON ARENA**—Registering his second knockout win in 11 days, Jesse Smith, 162, Phila., kayoed Pat Roberts, 166, Phila., in the ninth round.

In the six round semi-windup, unbeaten Dick Turner, 147, Phila., decisioned Willie Gray, 154, Washington, D.C. Turner has now nine victories and a draw in 10 pro starts.

In another six-rounder, unbeaten Leroy Roberts, 155, Norristown, survived two final-round knockdowns to decision Dennis Hefferman, 164, Lawncrest.

In four rounders, Johnny Lloys, 144, Phila., decisioned Young Joe Walcott, 147, Bridgeton, N.J., and Dick Miller, 167, Phila., decisioned Lee Phillips, 169, Philadelphia.

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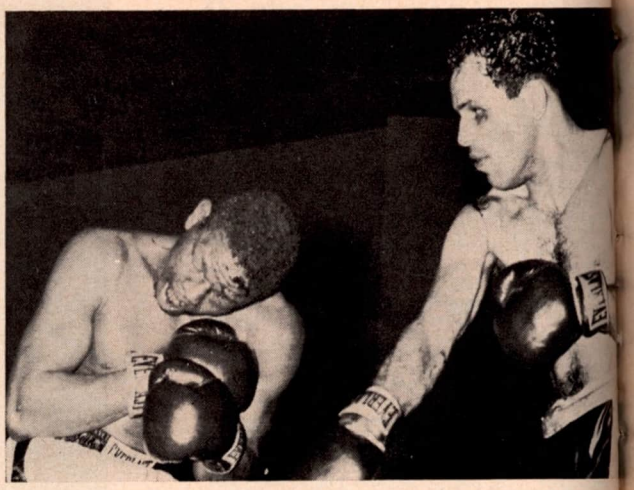


Ralph Dupas (right) bounces a right off the head of former welterweight champion Virgil Akins during their bout in Miami Beach in which Ralph win a ten round decision as he outsped his veteran foe from St. Louis.

UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES
By Tom Ephrem

Ralph Dupas, of New Orleans, and Virgil Akins, of St. Louis, crossed gloves in the 10 round main event at Miami Beach. The result was an exciting fight, with Dupas winning to hold a firm grip on his high position in "THE RING" RATINGS. The crowd of 3,086 got a big bang from the bruising battle which saw both give-and-take from the fourth round on with Ralph holding the upper hand. The winner at 148¾, and the loser, 147¼, were recipients of a rousing reception. The win was Ralph's 92nd of his career, while Virgil's comeback was halted after six straight victories.

On the undercard: Marty Jinchill, 154½, nodded Jackie Daniels, 152; J. C. Ponder, 158½, defeated Curtis Wright, 158; Carmelo Acevedo, 128, whipped Grady McLendon, same weight, and Santos Flores, 126, took a splitter from Nick Nichols, 127¼.

▸ Once more "THE RING" focused BEST PROSPECT eyes on Florida for its heavyweight find and selected Herb Siler, of Miami. Best Prospect tabs often inspire youngsters to greater heights. None but THE RING MAGAZINE offers this splendid opportunity and boxing managers wisely mention so when publicizing their fighter.

▸ Freddy Butts won the feature bout at the Little River Auditorium in Miami with a technical knockout in the third round over Bobby Allen, of the Virgin Islands. Butts, 143, is a Tampa boy, and his victim weighed 137.

Carmelo Acevedo, 126 pound Puerto Rican, annexed the sixer in his meet with Nino Marti, 124, a countryman of his. Carmelo took all votes. Another sixer went to John Gould, Miami 190 pounder, who dropped Roosevelt Jones, 185, of Atlanta, for a count in the fourth round and went on to win the decision.

Tampan Joe Costello, 142, grabbed a four from Tony Marino, 139, of Brownsville, Texas, and Butch Mayo, 129, of South Miami, won the four rounder in a tilt with Herman Ponce, 124.

▸ Carmelo Acevedo (now he's listed from Hartford, Conn.), scored an eight round decision over Hector Rodriguez in the main attraction at Fort Lauderdale.

Honors for the best mix went to the Rocky Randel-Joe Gonzalez bout which was taken by Randell by a split decision. They travelled six. Gonzalez was at his best in this one but a bit shy of earning a draw. A six splitter found in another bout, Nino Marti, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, winning over Al Walker, a lightweight affair. Jimmy Beasley was the knockout winner in the second round of a welterweight match with Nat Baker.

▸ No opposition for former welterweight champion Virgil Akins in the form of Vince Bonomo when they met at Miami Beach on December 13. Akins was given a TKO win in the fourth round when Referee Mike Kaplan wisely stopped the mismatch. The victor, from St. Louis, weighing 149, dropped Vince, of New Orleans, tipping 149½, several times.

Carmelo Acevedo, 127½, beat Emile Garcia, 119; Santos Flores, 126, won a splitter from Nick Nichols, 127¾, and Billy Favor, 155½, scored over Earl Basting, 146½.

THE PHILIPPINES
By Felipe J. C. Galang

Flash Elorde, world junior lightweight champion of the world kayoed challenger Sergio Caprari, 129½ of Italy in 2:22 of the very first round of a scheduled 15 round title bout at the Rizal Ball Park and attended by 35,000 boxing fans. The odds was 2 to 1 in favor of the champion.

At the start of the first round, Elorde jabbed his rival with rights to the face. Caprari countered with rights to the body and when he missed a left to the head, he was an open target for a right short to the jaw sending him to the floor for a 3-count. The Italian tried to clinch but received a combination to the body. Dropping his guard, Elorde jolted him with a left to the jaw sending him to the canvas for an 8-count. Standing up and senseless, he was met by another right hook ending the evening for the Italian fighter.

Filipino Ravalo, 146, became the Oriental welterweight champion by outpointing Kenji Fukuchi, Oriental welter kingpin in 12 rounds. The Japanese champion was leading in the early rounds but as the fight progressed, the Filipino became stronger while his rival weakened. In the last round the Japanese was at the mercy of the Filipino. The decision was unanimous in favor of the new champion.

Dommy Balajadia, 119, kayoed Elino Esguerra, 116, in 5. Pete Acera, 129, outpointed Jae Quen Yang, 128, of Korea in 6. Jacinto Diaz, 118 defeated Rico Seballos, 119, in 6. Ben de Villa, 135, halted Flor Reyes, 138, in 7. Dio Espinosa, 113, bested Cali Goyena, 114, in 4. Carlos Yatco, 128, kayoed Bert Rizada, 127, in 2. Gonzales Jr., 118, defeated Nel Rufe, 116, in the 4 round curtain raiser.

Arthur Presley, 133½, defeated Solomon Boysaw, 131, in 10 round main event at the Araneta Coliseum, attended by a 25,000 crowd. There was no knockdown but the 42 year old veteran was the master of the challenger for Elorde's crown in all angles.

Veeranid Chareumuang, 125½, of Thailand, became the Oriental featherweight champion after stopping the titleholder, Army Wonder Boy, in the 4th round. The fight was fast and furious. In the fourth round the challenger caught the Filipino with a right to the mouth cutting it inside. Another cut alongside the Filipino's left eye caused the referee to stop the bout and award the decision to Veeranid by TKO.

Sington Por Tor, 112, of Thailand defeated Primo Famiro, 112, in 10 rounds. Kid Pio Tatel, 124, bested Angel Boy, 125, in 10. Baby Lorona, 116, beat Teofilox Felicia Jr., 116, in 6. Tony Publico, 117, and Tim Chico drew in 6. Roger Ravalo, 112, and Pat Gonzales fought in even terms in 4.

▸ Marcel Juban, 113, defeated Romy Sison, 114, in 10 rounds at the Besa Boxing Arena. Marcel floored Sison in the second round, closed his left eye in the third and covered Sison's face with blood by opening a cut in his forehead. Sison's kayo punches failed to down his tougher rival.

Sugar Roy Yalong, 133, decisioned Rudy Perocho, 132, in 10. Dony Tesorio, 128, stopped Al Cantara, 126, in 2. Casey Reyes, 125, won over Hermie Magbanue, 124, in 10. Abraham Kid, 106, kayoed Jess Fernandez, 109, in 2. Pat Rostata, 102, outpointed Mart Limin, 106, in 4. Gene Salcedo, 127, bested Fer dela Pena, 130, in the 4 round opener.

▸ Boxer, Vic Herero (Virgilio Ybanez) was hit on the jaw by rival Kid (Mariano Arido) in the 5th round in Tanjay, Negros Oriental. He died on the way to Dumaguete City Hospital. After investigation by the Philippine Constabulary and Tanjay Police, they decided that it was purely accidental as the boxer was physically examined before the bout.

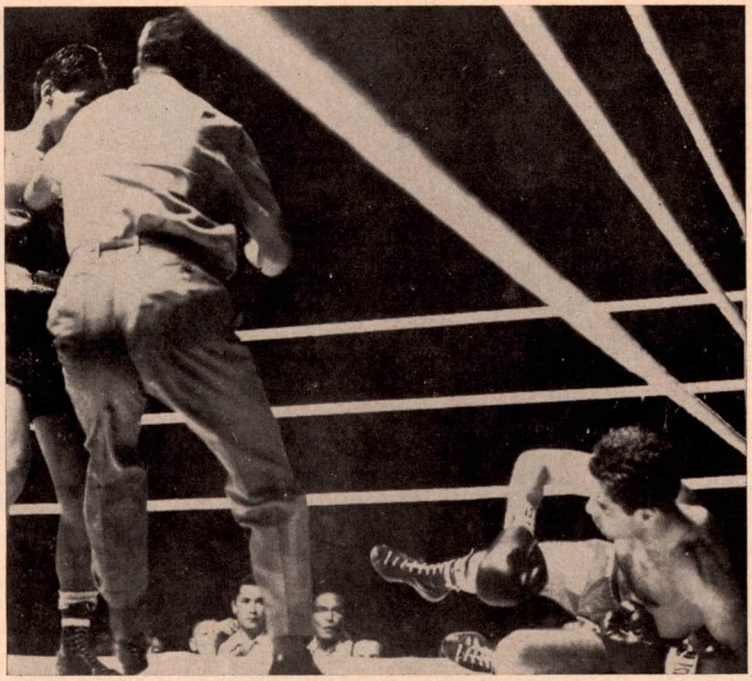
SUNNY AUSTRALIA
By Ray Mitchell

Crowds certainly pile into stadiums when a big name is on the bill. Former world bantamweight champion JIMMY CARRUTHERS has illustrated that in recent fights. Despite being out of the game for over seven years, Jim pulled in a capacity house at Sydney Stadium in his first comeback fight—against Italian Aldo Pravisani, who gathered a points win over the former champion, the decision being by the barest margin.

I reported that fight last month. Since then Carruthers has had two fights and each time he has drawn a large crowd. Over 13,000 fans paid to see Carruthers against Wally Taylor at Sydney Stadium. Taylor, our featherweight champion, won very easily on points. Jim was pathetic and the only resemblance to the Carruthers of 1954, was his southpaw stance.

But on December 15, Carruthers went into the ring with American featherweight Don Johnson at the Melbourne Festival Hall and again drew a capacity crowd. For two rounds Jim showed up very well. Then Johnson's body-punching came to the fore and Jim began to fold. Johnson helped the folding by hitting low several times for which he was warned, Carruthers displayed a big bruise and a lump on his groin after the fight—caused by a blow from Johnson.

At the end of the fifth round Carruthers' corner hauled down the flag, so it goes down in the record books as a KO win for Johnson.



Junior lightweight champion Gabriel (Flash) Elorde turned in a stunning first round kayo over top ranking Italian featherweight Sergio Caprari before a crowd of over 35,000 in Manila. It took Elorde slightly over two minutes to demolish the visitor.

▸ The poor display by Carruthers in the Taylor fight badly influenced the crowd to see George Barnes opposed to Gary Cowburn at Sydney Stadium a fortnight later. Only 6,500 fans paid to see the fight.

Barnes always has been an idol in Australia and he was cheered to the echo from the time he got into the ring until he left it. He hadn't fought for 19 months but he gave a grand display. Cowburn gained referee Vic Patrick's points decision at the end of the exciting 12-round bout and the verdict brought forth a storm of hoots. It is a long time since so much criticism was aimed at a decision as at this one. But as I saw the fight Cowburn won the bout in the last round. My card showed Barnes a half point in front coming into the last round, but Cowburn finished all over Barnes in that heat to gain a very narrow verdict.

Barnes, former champion welterweight of the British Empire and formerly a world-rated fighter, still holds the Australian welterweight title by right, although Stadiums Ltd have recognised Cowburn as champion for some time. This meeting between the pair was an overweight one but they have been matched to fight for the Australian welter title.

▸ **At the Melbourne Festival Hall**—one month before meeting Carruthers—Don Johnson put the full count on German featherweight champion Willi Quatuor. The end came in round four. Two weeks later Johnson forced Italian lightweight Aldo Pravisani to quit at the end of round seven. Pravisani had a cut over the eye, though the injury was not as severe as in some of his bouts. Aldo held a lead on points at the time but Johnson's body-punching was wearing him down, Johnson would have won in any case.

In a ten-round support to the Taylor-Carruthers fight, Sydney's latest Golden Boy, welter Sid Prior outpointed Victorian Young Macka in a good bout which was refereed by your scribe. Then, on the Cowburn-Barnes bill, Prior outpointed Brendon Tapp over ten rounds. Again I was the referee. This bout was one of the best of the year. Prior now has had nine professional bouts—all billed to go ten or 12 rounds—and has won the lot, seven of them by KO.

Former Olympian, bantam Rocky Gattelari, who says he can make flyweight, had his third pro fight and stopped former flyweight champion of Australia, Alan Gibbards, in five rounds, at Sydney Stadium. All of Rocky's three pro fights have been billed for 12 rounds, but he has won them in three, four and five rounds respectively. He is very popular. He guarantees action.

▸ **At Canberra, Australia's Capital city,** Australian bantam champion Johnny Jarrett flattened Ken Bradley in three rounds of a non-title bout. Jarrett hit too hard and knew too much.

▸ **At the Brisbane Festival Hall,** Billy Watt halted Scrubby Marks in nine rounds of a welter contest and Boyd Scully stopped Johnny Wilmott in seven rounds of a lightweight bout.

▸ **A fortnight later George Flemming** knocked out Scully in 14 rounds for the Queensland State lightweight title. One week earlier, featherweights Johnny Fooks and Pasquale Curcio battled to a draw.

▸ **At the Melbourne Festival Hall,** Yound Macka outpointed Jack Kriss who foolishly tried to make lightweight when there was no need. Kriss gave away about seven pounds in weight.

▸ **At Albury,** featherweight Danny Hirsch, a good boy some years ago, foolishly made a comeback and found young Johnny Holt too strong. Holt won this lightweight bout at the end of seven rounds.

▸ At Wickham the following fights took place—Featherweight Darcy Carr outpointed lightweight Frank Penfold in a good fight. Bobby Beaton knocked out Angelo Marconi in five rounds of a featherweight bout after Beaton had been on the floor more than once. Arthur Larrigo and Nev Belette battled to a grand draw in a junior-middles bout. Welter Billy Morris halted Tony Dallas in three rounds. Dallas suffered two broken ribs. Lightweight Peter Mordant outpointed featherweight Darcy Carr in a great fight. These fights all were billed for 12 rounds, except the Beaton-Marconi bout which was for ten. All were main bouts and they took place on successive weeks.

▸ So boxing for 1961 has finished. The 1962 season begins in January. I take this opportunity to wish a prosperous 1962 to all RING readers.

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EUROPEAN GOSSIP

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▸ **LYONS, France**—Heavyweights were on parade here when semi-final eliminators were fought out to decide a challenger for champion Duquesne. Francis Magnetto had little trouble with Jean Huiban, still a novice. He knocked him down in the opening round with a smashing hook to the jaw. Huiban got to his feet but was floored again, whereupon his corner signalled his retirement.

Jean-Paul Schiller was extremely fortunate to be given the decision over Maurice Mols after ten rounds. Welter star Francois Pavilla stopped Akli Medjek in five.

PARIS—At the Sports Palace, Germinal Ballarin tried for the second time to wrest the lightheavy title from Paul Roux but it was soon apparent that the mutachioed challenger was lacking in his old destructive vigor. The bout soon deteriorated into a tedious maul which ended in the thirteenth round when Ballarin retired with a badly cut eye.

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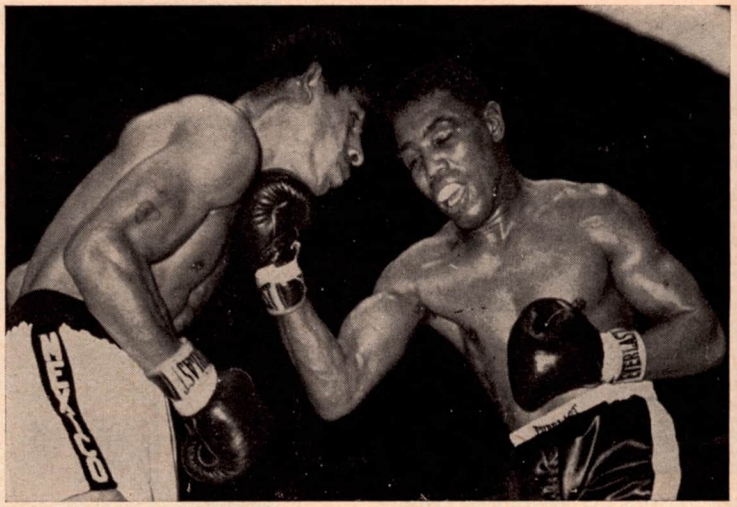

Philadelphia's Charley Scott lands a right uppercut to the jaw of Mexico's Gaspar Ortega during their welterweight set-to in Madison Square Garden. Scott fought his way to an upset victory in the first bout of the New Year in New York City. The triumph was an important one for the left hooker as it moved him back into the 147 pound limelight.

Best scrap on the card was furnished by Maurice Auzel and the Tunisian, Omrane Sadok. The Tunisian fought his usual robust, swinging style but Auzel was too sharp to walk into roundhouse wallops and won clearly via the points route.

In a feathers six, Jean Parna won over Seidel and Ray Adigun of Nigeria halted Wuilmet in the sixth round of a lightweight affair.

▸ **FLORENCE, Italy—The Puccini Theater** resounded to the music of fisticuffs when ex-amateur star Alessandro Mazzinghi slammed it out with Germano Cavalieri in a eight-rounder. Mazzinghi finished proceedings with two knockdowns in the second round which caused the Venetian welter to signal his retirement.

▸ **At GALLARATE**—Egidio Mainini won clearly over Zani in a cruiser six.

▸ **LEGHORN, Italy**—Mobile Franco Nenci outsmarted slugger Luigi Furio in a fast-moving welter ten here whilst feathers champion Mario Sitri forced Lambert Dumont to retire in the eighth round after the Belgian had put up a game fight.

▸ **At BRESCIA**—Piero Tomasini, local cruiser pride, scored an unexpectedly quick win over the Austrian, Hugo Koehler, who is renowned for his staying power. A left hook from nowhere had the visitor "cold" for most of the opening round and in the second a battery of punches dropped Kohler for the full count.

Gennatiempo won over Urbani in a feather six, Cominardi trounced Bellavita in a cruiser six and welter prospect Nervino halted Bottarelli in the third round.

▸ **ROME**—Giulio Rinaldi firmly established himself as outstanding challenger for European light-heavy honors by disposing of the dynamic-hitter from Germany, Helmut Ball, at the Sports Palace. Although Rinaldi's methods were occasionally too ruthless, for which he received two warnings, his opponent wasn't very choosy in his tactics. Ball fought spiritedly but by the seventh his resistance was sapped and, clutching his side, he went to his corner. Instead of awarding the decision to Rinaldi, the ref allowed Ball to argue with his seconds then ordered the bout to continue. Rinaldi tore into the Teuton with a two-fisted attack, a nasty crack of heads brought blood from Ball's eyebrow and an instant later he was on the deck from a "one-two." As he got up, the ref called a halt.

Another German, Uli Ritter, had even less luck against the non-stop tank from Mestre, Franco De Piccoli, but put up stilff resistance for four rounds before a right hook to the chin sent him down and out.

Other hopefuls were less impressive, Nino Benvenuti winning by the narrowest of margins over the French middleweight Joe Catalano in eight rounds and Franco Brondi was unexpectedly whipped on points by the taller and faster Ben Said in a lightie eight.

Luigi Castoldi was disqualified for an accidental butt in the sixth round of his welter slam with Fernando Proietti, though the cut was only slight.

▸ **MADRID, Spain**—Luis Folledo obtained a clear win over the Yugoslav, Georges Estatoff, who was dominated in all phases by the Spanish welter champ. After taking a regular shellacking Estatoff retired in the seventh round. Bobby Ros upset the odds by outscoring Tito Gomez in a light-weight eight.

▸ **MILAN, Italy—At the Sports Palace,** Duilio Loi was again in action and provided a fine display of hitting power against the Canadian, Gale Kerwin. Loi had Kerwin on the verge of a knock-down as the bell ended round three but in the next frame the Canadian boxed on the retreat. A left hook to the chin dropped Kerwin in the fifth and in the seventh, Loi dropped his rugged foeman twice. The ref ordered Kerwin to his corner but he protested violently and had to be forced out.

Giordano Campari won over courageous Tommy Tibbs, American Negro, after ten rounds of non-stop battling and Salvatore Burruni descisioned Christian Marchand in a brilliant bantam ten. Mino Bozzano won a very monotonous heavyweight eight against the German veteran, Horst Niche, which brought jeers from the spectators and in a cruiser bout, Giacomo Scattolin unexpectedly knocked out blond Serafino Novati in the sixth and last round.

CLEVELAND NEWS
By Harold Walsh

Amateur boxing is getting underway in top flight fashion in the Cleveland area. A combined A.A.U. and Golden Gloves championship series under the direction of the Lake Erie association of the A.A.U. will be staged with the finals at the Cleveland Arena. Entrants will come from six districts, covering twenty one counties. Johnny Papke and Joe Raymond will be in charge. Papke, one time southpaw middleweight, managed by Jimmy Dunn, has been prominent in Cleveland boxing circles for many years.

Vince Risko, Canton boxing promoter is planning to revive the professional game. Risko, brother of the late Babe Risko, also promotes wrestling.

BUFFALO & SYRACUSE AREA
By Douglass P. Hovey

The public wants clean living, fine upstanding boxers in the ring. Buffalo has exactly that in several young boys coming up. Jimmie Ralston, middleweight, a product of the Golden Gloves, resident of Riverside, student of the university of Buffalo, taking a real estate course. Losing his first bout as an amateur at 16, Jim went on to five straight victories and a Golden Gloves title. Since turning pro, with four straight KOs Jim has developed into a classy boxer-puncher.

Since 1907 there has been a Singer someplace on the local fight scene, first there was Jack Sr., a promoter, manager, matchmaker, trainer, gym operator. The last match made by Jack Sr., was on November 15, 1949—Robert Villemain vs. Tony Dimicco. Nine days before this bout was to be held, Jack died. Jack Jr. then took over. Junior has continued to operate the gym at 338 Washington St., promote some bouts and now has sold the gym saying, "I'm through with boxing . . . forever." Officers of the Buffalo Boxing Managers and Trainers' Association are now running the gym.

Local lightweight contender, Jackie Donnelly is training faithfully and hoping for a break; lack of ring action is a discouraging thing for any boxer. It would be a shame to see a man of this quality go to another profession because of no bouts.

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IN OLD NEW ENGLAND

By Don Hamill

WORCESTER—Mechanic's Hall—Mike Pusateri, 173, Dedham, flattened Joe Church, 175, Astoria, N. Y., in the second round with a right to the body. Church had held Pusateri even during the first round. It was Pusateri's 12th straight knockout.

Slim Peters, 160, Holy Cross student, belted out Young Henry, 157, Hartford, in two rounds. Arnold Brower, 188, UConn. student from Hartford, kayoed Dick Hutchins, 187, Millbury, in the first. Charley Tanner, 160, Riverside, R. I., disposed of Dennis Mack, 160, another Holy Cross student, in two.

Rickie Palmieri, 134, Worcester, eked out a close win over Frank Savigny, 140, Providence, in four. Paul Christie, 146, Medford, outpointed Walter Giles, 148, Roxbury, in another four.

WORCESTER—Mechanic's Hall—Kenny Tavares, 143, New Bedford, retained his New England welterweight title by gaining a split ten round decision over Paul Christie, 145½, Medford. After a slow start Tavares, the better boxer, built up a big lead.

Carlos Zayas, 115, Holyoke, knocked out Bill Cadiero, 115, Cambridge, near the end of the first round. Arnold Brower, 190, Hartford, did the same to Sonny Burns, 205, Boston. Tom Simms, 164, Hartford, needed only 59 seconds to kayo Slim Peters, 161, Worcester, in the first round.

Charley Tanner, 160, Riverside, R. I., stopped Don Bolles, 155, Worcester, in three. Willie Williams, 135, New Waterford, N. S., gained an impressive four round decision over Rickie Palmieri, 134, Worcester.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. Auditorium—Don Prout, 191, Providence, counterpunched his way to a very close ten round decision over Ray Batey, 195, Corona, N. Y. Prout's failure to take the initiative marred the bout. One of the judges cast his ballot for Batey.

Willie (Pineapple) Stevenson, 139½, Boston, outpunched Gene Thomas, 139½, Hartford, in a bristling ten round co-feature. Stevenson worked effectively at close quarters. Psalm Johnson, 136¼, Hartford, easily whipped Bobby Soares, 132½, Boston, in a six rounder.

In fours: Jackie Lynch, 145¾, South Providence, rallied to whip Walter Giles, 147½, Boston; Joe Arsenault, 164, Lynn, edged Charlie Tanner, 157½, Riverside; and Larry Carney, 158, Lowell, four time Golden Glove winner, turned pro, by stopping veteran Dennis Goslow, 158, Worcester, in the first round.

BOSTON—Garden—Joe DeNucci, 165, Newton, used a body attack to gain a draw with ranking veteran Joey Giardello, 161, Philadelphia, in ten hard fought rounds. There were no knockdowns but DeNucci was shaken in the final heat. He refused to give ground and battled it out with Giardello to the final bell.

Paul Stivaletta, 149, Dedham, suffered his first loss after 18 straight wins when Gaylord Barnes of New York, handed him a boxing lesson in ten rounds. Stivaletta was troubled with a cut eye. Mike Pusateri, 172½, also of Dedham, knocked out Gene Hamilton, 166, New York, in the second round. A right to the jaw stiffened Hamilton as Pusateri racked up his 13th straight win.

Jimmy Connors, 130, New Bedford, avenged a previous defeat by gaining a split ten round decision over George Colton, 126, Tewksbury. Connors forced the fight but was dropped in the final heat from a right hand to the jaw.

WORCESTER—Mechanics Hall—Sharp-punching Tommy Haden, 125, New Bedford, New England featherweight king, needed less than three complete rounds to stop Bob Harmon, 123½, Baltimore.

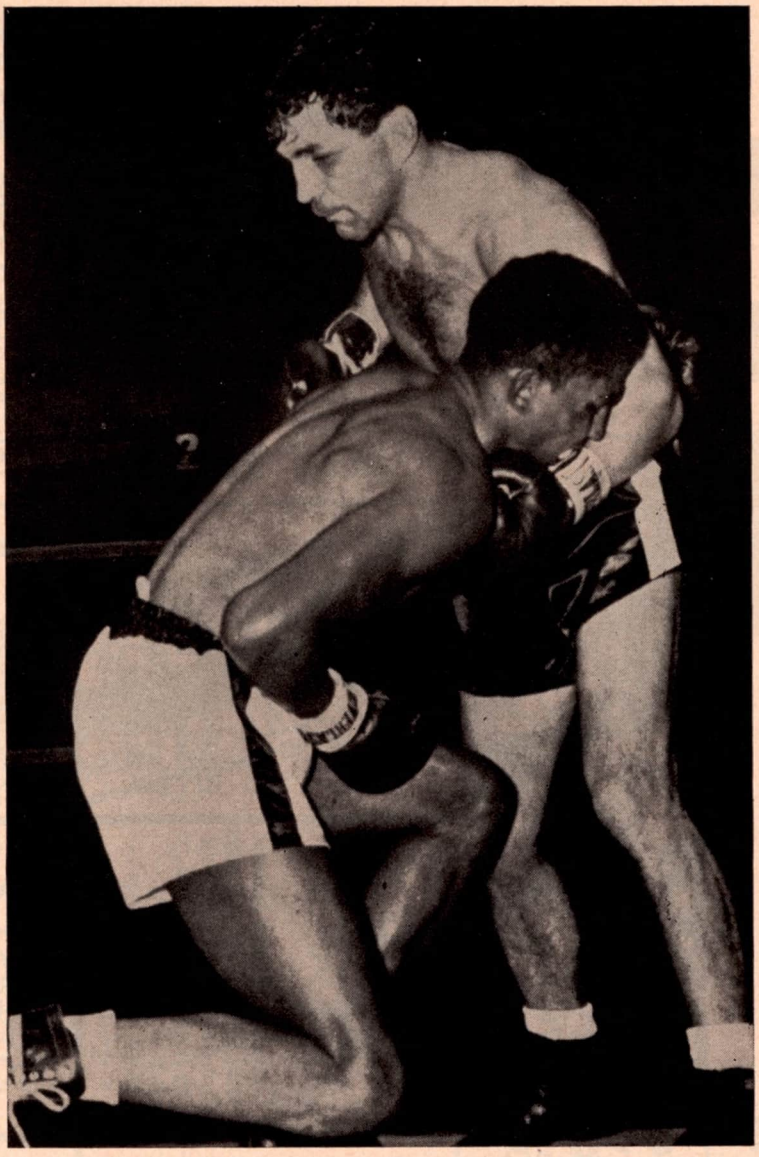
Larry Carney, 160, Lowell, stopped hard-punching Don Webber, 163, Rowley, in the second. Ted Williams, 169, Boston, spoiled the pro debut of Duke Belton, 169, Springfield, by stopping him in the second. Willie Williams, 134, New Waterford, N. S., outclassed Jesus Alicia, 131, Holyoke, in four. Johnny Mastrangelo, 160, Boston starched Don Roy, 155, Holyoke, in the first.

PROVIDENCE, R. I. Auditorium—Paddy Read, 130¼, Providence, proved to have too much experience for Nat (Kid) Williams, 128, Philadelphia, and won a unanimous ten round decision. Read looped right hands at Williams and held an upperhand in the in-fighting.

Willie Mitchell, 149, Boston, upset Johnny Gorman, 150¼, Providence, in the six round semi-final. Mitchell used his reach to advantage but had difficulty in the final round when Gorman rallied.

Ray Drayton, 166, Boston, kayoed Leroy Evans, 165, Roxbury, in the first round with his first solid punch. Jackie Lynch, 148, Providence, halted Walter Giles, 147½, Boston, in the second of a four. Larry Carney, 158, Lowell, belted out Phil Wright, 162, Boston, in the first of their four rounder.

BOSTON—Garden—Tony DeMarco, 147, Boston, won by a second round kayo over Don Jordan, 147, Los Angeles, Calif. The battle between the ex-world welterweight champs had a disputed ending. DeMarco took charge of the fight from the start and was handling the West Coast lad a bad body beating. Referee Billy Connelly warned DeMarco for a low blow but felt that the punch which kayoed Jordan was fair.



In a clash between two former 147 pound champions, Tony DeMarco kayoed Don Jordan in the second round on a disputed low blow. It marked the start of a comeback for the Boston left hooker.

Blair Richardson, 162, now making his home in Dorchester, easily kayoed Dick Verte, 163, Thorndike, Mass., in the first round. Johnny Mastrangelo, 152½, East Boston, edged Bob Barrett, 153, Dorchester, in a four spot. Dick DeVola, 135, Somerville, blasted out Ed Venton, 135, Providence, in the first. Bill Hogan, 157, Dorchester, whipped Paul Logan, 156, Providence, in four. Tommy Thibeault, 146, Somerville, stopped Billy Smith, 145½, Providence, in the second.

WORCESTER—Mechanics Hall—Mike Pusateri, 170, Dedham, so badly trounced Willie Clemmons, 165, in the first round that the New Yorker was unable to answer the bell for the second round. Right hands to the head sent Clemmons staggering to his corner.

Clarence Riley, 164, New York, clowned and capered his way to a decision over Ray Drayton, 168, Boston, in the eight round co-feature.

Larry Carney, 160, Lowell, kayoed Leroy (Charley) Vincent, 164, Boston, sending him to the hospital with a concussion. Carney's victory was in the first round. Willie Williams, 133, New Waterford, N. S., demolished Dick Doucette, 129, Dorchester, in the second of a four. Ricky Palmieri, 135, Worcester, broke Jesus Alicia's nose in stopping him in the third. Alicia, 131, s from Holyoke.

MINNESOTA NEWS

By Bill Colbert

Jack Raleigh the man who tried for 11 years to make boxing a success in St. Paul withdrew as promoter in St. Paul.

Emmett Weller is the president of the new corp. which will promote boxing in St. Paul. He is planning weekly shows or semi-monthly to get the sport started again. Arnold Garley is vice president of the club and John Miller is treasurer.

Rochester, Minn., Auditorium—Del Flanagan, St. Paul returned to the ring warfare and pounded out a unanimous ten round decision over Tom Caldwell of Detroit. Del weighed the same as his foe, 162 pounds. He opened a cut over Caldwell's eye in the fifth round. It was a rough match all the way and Caldwell was warned several times for low blows.

The twin ten rounder, Duane Horsman, Rochester, scored a clean-cut victory over Eddie Simms, Milwaukee. Horsman had a commanding lead all during the fight.

Ben Sternberg had a crowd of 2500 who paid $5,000 to see the double main event.

Other bouts on the card were as follows: Brian O'Shea, 136, Minneapolis, outpointed Adolph Pruitt, 135, St. Louis (4). Chico Gardner, 189, Chicago knocked out Kunu Shurfoot, 235, Minneapolis (2:12 of 1st). Floyd Joyner, 204, Rochester, knocked out Frank Williams, 188, Chicago (2:11 of 3rd).

The new boxing promoter, Emmett Weller, has plenty of experience in the boxing game. The Minnesota Athletic Commission awarded him the franchise. He has been in boxing one way or another since 1933 when he staged amateur shows in the Golden Gloves. Weller won the Diamond Belt in the Upper Midwest lightweight championship class and turned pro three years later. He fought Billy Smith for the State lightweight title. As a handler of amateur boxers he won the St. Paul title for his boys also the Northwest Golden Glove title in 1951, 1952 and 1953.

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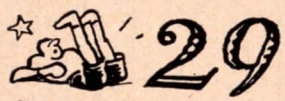

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JACK DEMPSEY's exhibition tour reached Dayton, Ohio... Here the old Manassa Mauler knocked out the likes of Jack Phillips and Pat Sullivan - one round each.

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Frankie Genaro outpointed Pancho Villa for the Flyweight Championship.. - 15 rounds - Madison Sq. Garden

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In a bout celebrated as the classic example of the double cross - KID McCOY - k.o.'d Tommy Ryan - 15 rounds - for the Welterweight title - Maspeth, Long Island

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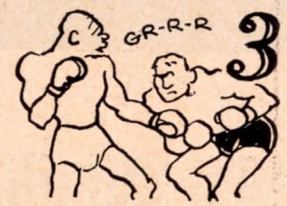

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Tough Tommy West beat Joe Walcott - the Barbados Demon 20 rounds - N.Y.C.

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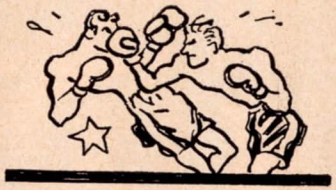

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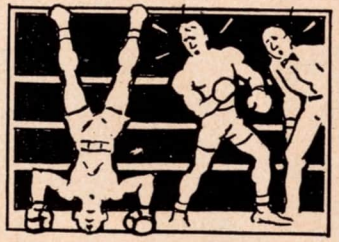

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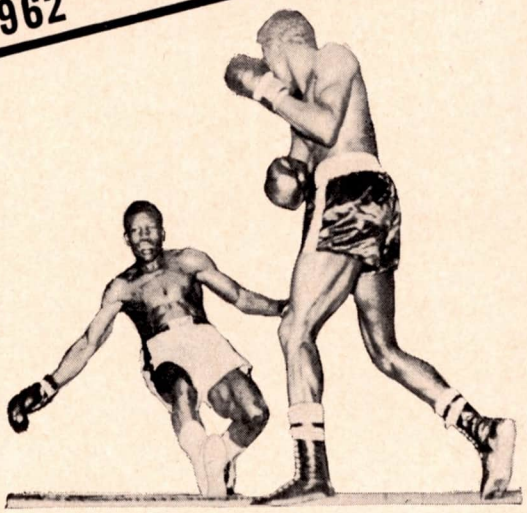

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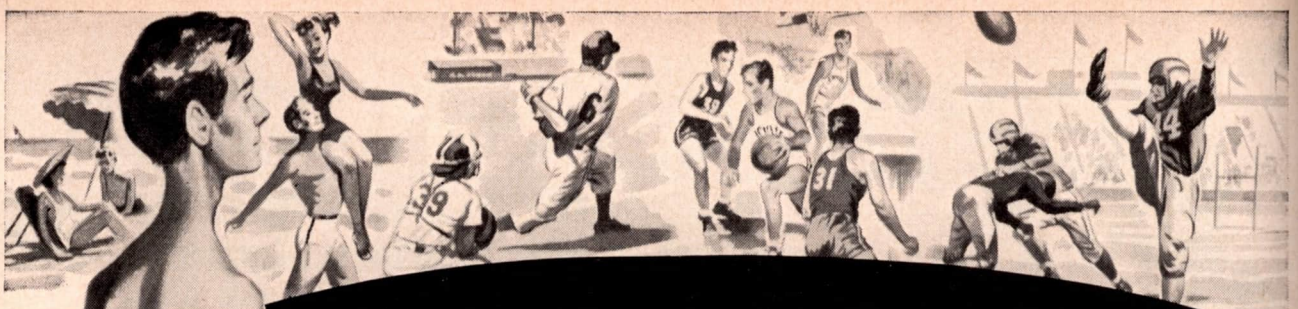

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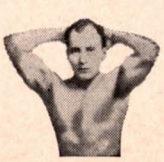

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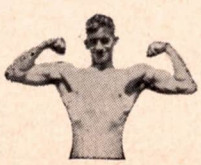

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